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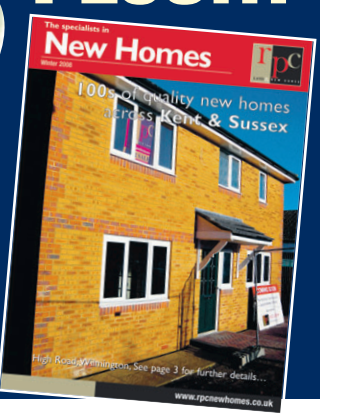
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CURTAINS GO DOWN

Arts groups could close in face of 'metro-centric' funding reductions

By **PHIL REILLY**
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THEATRES and arts organisations across Kent are facing huge cuts in their funding as the Arts Council is accused of applying "metropolitan standards" to the county's cultural life.

More than £200,000 is likely to be slashed from five organisations, including the Gulbenkian Theatre in Canterbury and Trinity Theatre in Tunbridge Wells, whose programmes would be seriously affected.

Chalkfoot Theatre Arts, which puts on productions in more than 70 rural venues in Kent and Sussex, faces the prospect of closure if proposals to cut its £64,000 annual grant are approved.

More than 200 arts organisations across the country are staring at cuts in the biggest cull since the Arts Council was set up more than 50 years ago.

This is despite the council enjoying an increase in government funding over three years to more than £2.2 billion.

Actors Sir Ian McKellen, Kevin Spacey and Joanna Lumley, who was born in Kent and retains strong links to the county, passed a motion of no confidence in the council this week.



NO CONFIDENCE: Actor Joanna Lumley

Jeremy Hunt MP, the Conservative spokesman for culture, media and sport, told Kent on Sunday it would be a "tragedy" if theatre groups were forced to close their doors.

He said: "Many people are very worried that the Arts Council is applying metropolitan standards to art that will inevitably be very different in rural areas like Kent.

"The biggest challenge in many areas is simply people getting access to art and theatre, which is why groups like Chalkfoot are so important.

"The Arts Council should remember that Kent taxpayers pay their share of arts subsidies as well.

"No-one supports subsidising mediocrity but the fact is there are some superb arts organisations in Kent and it would be a tragedy if they were to unable to continue because of a lack of Arts Council funding."

A member of one Kent arts group, who did not wish to be named, said the industry talk was that Arts Council chief executive Peter Hewitt was diverting funding to "big impact" art forms such as circus arts and street theatre in order to secure his legacy.

Greg Clark, Conservative MP for Tunbridge Wells, said the funding cut would be a "huge blow" to the Trinity Theatre.

He met Arts Council director Felicity Harvest on Wednesday to argue the theatre's case.

He said: "Although any cut in funding would be a huge blow to Trinity, I told Felicity Harvest that it is essential the Arts Council does not simply pull the rug away but supports Trinity with transitional funding and works with the charity to improve its ability to secure longer term funding."

Also facing cuts are the Canterbury-based Anne Peaker Centre for the Arts in Criminal Justice and the Kent Architecture Centre in Chatham.

Mike Hill, Kent County Council's cabinet member for community services, told KoS that while the cuts were "bad news", other arts in Kent were likely to receive improved

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Disruption of our roads blamed on the French

A KENT MEP has angrily accused the French of "ignoring its obligations" by allowing striking fishermen to close the Port of Calais.

Richard Ashworth, Conservative MEP for the South East, wrote a strongly worded letter to the EU commissioner for transport, Jacques Barrot, after strikes caused huge disruption to Kent's roads this week.

Mr Ashworth told Mr Barrot the strikes were "totally unacceptable" and insisted he make it plain to the French Government that "continued impediment of this important transport corridor will not be tolerated".

He invited the official to visit Kent to witness the impact of the action on the county's roads.

Mr Ashworth told Kent on Sunday: "The French government continues to ignore its obligation to provide free passage for Britons travelling in the European Union.

"There will always be factors out of our control on the Channel such as weather and technical faults, but our entry into France should never be blocked by industrial action.

"Once again, France's domestic problems have had a knock-on effect on south-east England.

"France continues to turn a blind eye to this kind of deliberate disruption to a crucial trade route and it is totally unacceptable."

The latest industrial action came after stormy weather had already caused disruption to ferry services, leading to the partial closure of the M20 for the implementation of Operation Stack to cope with lorry traffic heading to the port.



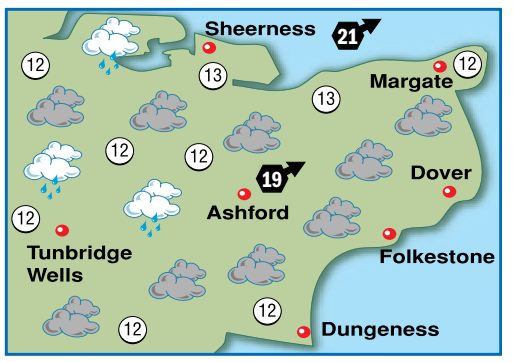
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Kent today



TODAY: Dry but cloudy and grey with the chance of the odd spot of light rain or drizzle. Mainly cloudy during the evening. Fresh south-westerly winds. Max temp 10-13C (50-55F). **TONIGHT:** Generally cloudy skies, but staying dry through the night. Brisk south-westerly winds. Min temp 9-11C (46-52F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	cloudy	7	45	London	rain	11	52
Belfast	cloudy	12	54	Liverpool	cloudy	13	55
Birmingham	showers	8	46	Manchester	showers	12	54
B'mouth	drizzle	13	55	Newcastle	rain	8	46
Bristol	cloudy	11	52	Norwich	rain	14	57
Cardiff	rain	12	54	Oxford	cloudy	13	55
Cork	rain	12	54	Southsea	cloudy	12	54
Edinburgh	rain	6	43	S'hampton	rain	11	52
Glasgow	rain	8	46	Southport	sun	–	–
Isle of Man	showers	11	52	Swansea	rain	11	52
Leeds	rain	11	52	Torquay	cloudy	12	54

Sun & moon

Sunrise	7.51am	Sunset	4.22pm
Moonrise	1.29pm	Moonset	6.42am

Lighting up times: 4.22pm to 7.50am

High Tides

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Dover	08.47	5.9	21.31	6.0	09.53	6.2	22.27	6.3
Margate	09.47	4.2	22.23	4.2	10.54	4.4	23.18	4.4
St Mary's	02.24	4.9	14.58	4.9	03.27	5.2	15.56	5.2

Week ahead

monday Grey. Drizzly. max 11C min 6C

tuesday Mostly dry. max 10C min 8C

wednesday Generally dry. max 12C min 8C

thursday Light rain. max 10C min 8C

friday Bright spells. max 8C min 6C

saturday Dry. Bright. max 10C min 6C

'Groups face significant threat to funding'

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funding as a result.

He said: "I am clearly very concerned that some groups face the potential threat to significant amounts of funding. There will be winners and there will be losers.

"We suffer in Kent by having no cities, we do not have the footfall or money of large urban conurbations."

An Arts Council spokeswoman said it was committed to funding only "the strongest organisations that are producing the most bold and innovative work".

She said: "The arts change and grow and our funding must reflect and encourage that. We cannot fund the same organisations year after year at the same levels.

"The proposals for the South East focus investment on a smaller number of effective and thriving organisations.

"We are also hoping to bring up to 10 new organisations into the portfolio, but cannot reveal these yet as availability of funding depends on final decisions made at the end of January.

"We remain committed to access to the highest quality arts across Kent; both through regular funding to organisations such as Music for Change, Canterbury Festival and Turner Contemporary and through grants for arts support."

She refuted the suggestion that the funding cuts were part of an attempt to secure Mr Hewitt's legacy.

Wet baby's head after giving birth

Charity's warning over foetal alcohol syndrome

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THOUSANDS of unborn children in Kent could be suffering physical or mental problems as a result of their mothers drinking while pregnant.

That is the claim made by the Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Trust, which has opened a new support group in Kent for parents whose children have been affected by alcohol consumption during pregnancy.

The charity said it has already come across more than a dozen affected families in the county, but believes this is just the tip of a very big iceberg.

It claims drinking at any time while pregnant can affect a baby's development and lead to a range of mental and physical disabilities.

Misdiagnosed

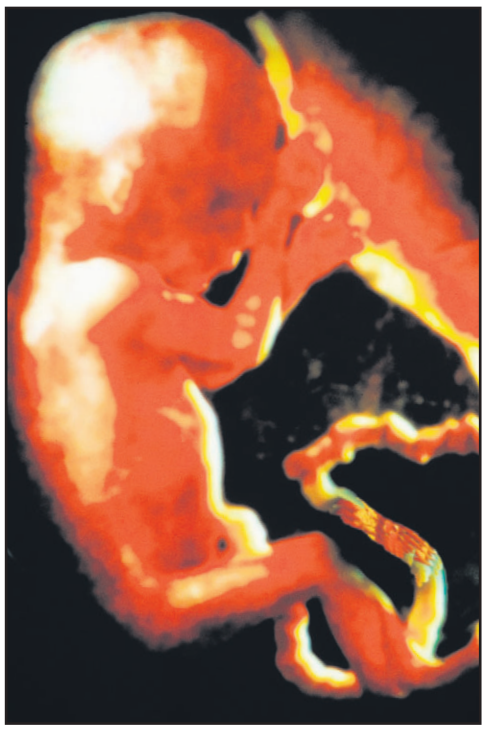
The charity said the vast majority of these either go undiagnosed or are misdiagnosed as forms of autism or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

Julia Brown, the trust's executive officer, said the UK was two decades behind countries such as the USA and Canada at diagnosing and coping with the syndrome.

She told Kent on Sunday that drinking at any stage during pregnancy could have a profound effect on a baby's development.

She said: "When the mother drinks so does the baby. The placenta doesn't filter it out so it goes straight through to the baby at the same strength.

"When and to what extent a mother drinks during pregnancy will have different effects on a child, but any drinking can cause damage.



EFFECTS: Charity says any drinking during pregnancy could harm an unborn child

"This affects thousands of children across the UK and hundreds if not thousands in Kent, although it is not possible to put an accurate figure on it."

The World Health Organisation estimates that one in every 1,000 babies will be born seriously damaged and as many as one in 100 could have some form of minor damage.

Children born with foetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) often have distinctive facial features, known as 'FAS face'.

These include a smooth or shallow philtrum, the area between the upper lip and the nose, a thin upper lip and thin eye openings.

Babies are often very small when they are born and may have trouble gaining weight. They may also suffer from heart defects or abnormalities of the ears, eyes, liver or joints depending on what was developing at the time their mothers drank.

Many on the milder end of the spectrum have little physical disability but can struggle to understand instructions and have behavioural difficulties.

The support group will meet in Tonbridge every three months. The meetings will involve talks by parents who have raised FAS children, as well as speech and language therapists and other health professionals.

Dr Yvonne Doyle, NHS regional director of public health in Kent, said the evidence of numbers of children born with the syndrome was "patchy".

She reiterated the advice of the Government's Chief Medical Officer that pregnant women should avoid drinking alcohol or limit it to just one or two units a week.

She added: "Foetal alcohol syndrome causes the most extreme damage to an unborn baby and is 100 per cent preventable. If you don't drink, your baby will not be harmed in this way."

More information is available at the website www.fasdtrust.co.uk.

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Double baby joy for Invicta stars

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THERE must be something the water at Invicta FM, because two of their most popular presenters have revealed they are pregnant.

Breakfast show presenter Ali Wheeler, who writes the regular Ali's Goss section for our Review magazine, and daytime presenter Claire Lawson are both expecting their first children.

Ali, 32, who lives in Faversham with husband Haydn, is four months pregnant, while Claire, 29, who lives in Maidstone with boyfriend Mark, is six months pregnant.

Both will take their maternity leave in May.

Ali said: "Jennifer Lopez, Christina Aguilera, Nicole Kidman and now me – I must check my Chinese calendar because 2008 must be the Year of the Baby.

"I am over the moon although a little scared. When Haydn and I found out we were completely overwhelmed and it still hasn't really sunk in.

"Rest assured I am a very happy mum-to-be, although any advice will be gladly received."

Claire insisted she does not want to know the sex of the baby until it is born.

She added: "Mark and I wanted to keep it private, but I think I've got a bit of a bulge now so the cat's out of the bag.

"It is very exciting, although I'm a bit apprehensive about the late nights and dirty nappies. I am just really pleased that I have someone else at Invicta to get fat with."

Claire added that if she could be like one celebrity mum it would be Jordan.

She added: "It definitely wouldn't be Britney! I think Jordan is a fantastic mum, even though I'm not a big fan of hers as a person."

One Invicta presenter who does have some parenting experience is Ali's on-air partner, father-of-four James Heming. He said he was thrilled for both of them, but was quick to speculate that it may not have been a total coincidence.

He added: "I can only think that it all comes down to that short power cut that happened in Kent in September. You know what happens when you have no TV or radio."

An Invicta spokesman said no plans had been made yet as to who will cover for the pair when they leave in May.



Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

HIGH FIDELITY: Invicta's breakfast show presenter Ali Wheeler with her colleague and daytime presenter Claire Lawson. Both are expecting their first children

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Mother's death in police crash was 'tragic accident' says jury

THE jury at the coroner's inquest into the death of Rachel Cheesewright – killed when a speeding police vehicle smashed into her car – this week reached a verdict of accidental death, ***writes Nick Ames.***

Miss Cheesewright, 29, who was due to be married and left behind a seven-year-old daughter, died from multiple injuries following the crash on the A28 near Ashford in October, 2005.

She was returning from her job as a barmaid at the Bonny Cravat pub in Woodchurch.



Rachel Cheesewright

The forewoman of the jury told the court: "This was a death by tragic accident."

The hearing that began on Monday heard from driver, PC William Purse, who admitted to the inquest he approached the bend on the main A28 country road at more than 100mph.

The police force's own investigator had blamed Ms Cheesewright for pulling out in front of the police car answering an emergency call.

But an independent – former police – expert told her inquest he believed the patrol car was going so fast Ms Cheesewright could not have seen it as she pulled out.

Derek Hance, who has investigated more than 1,000 accidents during his time as a Metropolitan Police officer and independent accident investigator, said the police car could have been travelling as fast as 106mph before the accident.

He also suggested the speeding police driver should have put his siren on as well as the blue lights he was using as he approached the bend before the junction.

The police vehicle – a Skoda Octavia – hit Ms Cheesewright's Ford Fiesta with such force her car was literally torn in two.

She died from multiple injuries at the scene following the crash.

Sarah Harman, the Cheesewright family's solicitor, said: "The family will be taking action against Kent Police on behalf of Miss Cheesewright's ten-year-old daughter."

Ms Harman strongly criticised the Independent Police Complaints Authority for its decision to hand the crash investigation to Kent Police – the employer of PC Purse.

• ***Visit yourkenttv.co.uk to watch our interview with Ms Harman.***

Pat on the heads

MORE than 50 of the county's top headteachers and early years managers have been celebrated by Kent County Council.

KCC chairman Leyland Ridings hosted a special evening to celebrate the contribution of 55 people at schools that received good Ofsted inspection results.

Cllr Ridings said: "Education is rightly focused on children and young people and giving them the right start in life, but I wanted to recognise those who lead the schools and inspire colleagues and students to success."

The event took place at Oakwood House in Maidstone on Wednesday evening.

Legal argument

LESS than two per cent of all criminal prosecutions in Kent are abandoned because they are deemed not to be in the public interest.

Out of more than 41,000 cases in 2006-07, the Crown Prosecution Service discontinued 661 on public interest grounds.

The CPS revealed the figures after a Freedom of Information Act request revealed nearly 26,000 cases were deemed not in the public interest across the country over the period.

A CPS spokesman the numbers of discontinued cases in Kent was decreasing.

She said: "Inevitably there will be occasions on which a case needs to be discontinued on public interest grounds. For example where a prosecution is likely to have a bad effect on the victim's mental or physical health, or where we would not consider it appropriate to compel a victim to give evidence."

Cathedral's run

THE Save Canterbury Cathedral campaign is calling for people to take part in a sponsored run through central London this summer to raise money for its £50 million appeal.

The fundraising team wants runners to take part in the 2008 British 10k London Run in July, with each pledging to raise a minimum of £100.

Runners of all abilities will start at Hyde Park Corner and run past Trafalgar Square, the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye.

Those taking part will receive a fundraising pack, a running vest and fundraising support.

For more information on taking part contact Karen Gambrell on 01227 865344 or email gambrellk@canterbury-cathedral.org.

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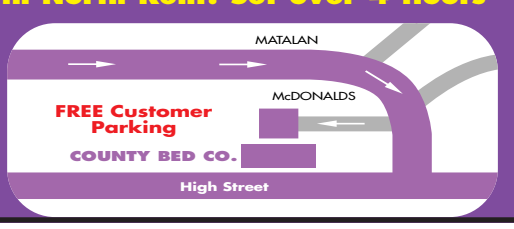
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Spies in the sky to watch you parking

By **JAMIE McGINNES**
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CCTV operatives could replace traffic wardens in a radical Government-led shake-up of parking enforcement.

From April, local authorities will be able to use eagle-eyed 'cyber wardens' to monitor illegally parked motorists and issue fines by post.

Those caught by the cameras will then be fined between £50 and £70, depending on the seriousness of the offence.

Parking on a double yellow line will incur the maximum penalty, whereas overstaying on a meter will result in the lesser fine.

One of the first councils in the UK to introduce the scheme may be Medway.

Council spokeswoman Laura Patrick said the changes will improve roads.

She said: "Our CCTV operators will be able to focus on vehicles that are parked dangerously and issue a ticket by taking details from the national database of vehicle registrations, which would then be posted to the owner.

"Cabinet will discuss the proposal at its next meeting on January 29 and, if agreed, could be up-and-running from April."

Councils will have the right to introduce the measures under the Traffic Management Act 2004, which comes into effect in April.

Politicians at Swale Council considered the scheme this week, but voted against using CCTV cameras to capture people parked illegally. Instead, it will bring in a two-tier fining system from April.

Other local authorities in Kent are expected to make their own decisions in coming weeks.

Sheila Rainger, from the RAC Foundation for Motoring, said many motorists will feel the scheme is just "a money spinner".

Offences

She said: "Being cynical, you could argue that camera enforcement is simply cheaper than employing traffic wardens.

"Transport for London reported last year that the physical presence of traffic wardens does deter motorists for committing offences so it makes you wonder if councils are trying to achieve a higher parking compliance or the maximum number of tickets."

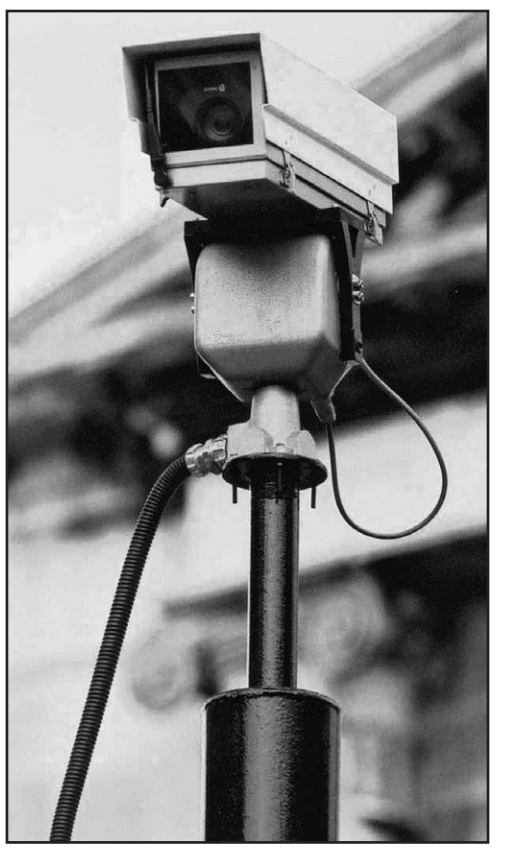
She said she was also concerned it would be harder for motorists to appeal against fines.

"At the moment if you come back to your vehicle and there's a ticket that you think is unfair you can take a photo or keep the ticket to show you got back in the allocated time.

"If you get a ticket through the post a week after the alleged incident it will be much more difficult to appeal."

Privacy International, the surveillance watchdog, said last week there was very little accountability in the use of CCTV images.

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CCTV: Cyber wardens will issue parking fines

Tory asked to watch US voting

GILLINGHAM parliamentary candidate Rehman Chishti has been appointed as a special observer to the United States presidential primaries which see Republicans and Democrats each elect their candidate to fight for the White House.

The Conservative party member and former advisor to assassinated Pakistani politician Benazir Bhutto will be watching proceedings unfold in the states of Kansas and Missouri.

He will be attached to the Republican Party as it seeks to find a new candidate to fight for the presidency as George W Bush leaves office.

Cllr Chishti, who joined the Tories after being a member of the Labour Party and is also a Medway councillor, was appointed to his prestigious post by the US State Department, the Conservative Party and the British American Parliamentary Group.

He will be observing the American political machine in full, meeting candidates and party activists as well as attending meetings.

Following the visit – which takes place next month – he will prepare a report on what he has seen to be made available to his backers.

"This is going to be a very exciting time in American politics and I think the eventual race for the presidency is going to be extremely close," Cllr Chishti told Kent on Sunday.

Hands off Stones

DARTFORD-born rockers Mike Jagger and Keith Richard have dealt a blow to Sevenoaks financier Guy Hands who is trying to prevent an exodus of talent from music giant EMI.

Hands bought EMI in a near-£4 billion deal last year, and this week announced job cuts of between 1,500 and 2,000 amid praise and controversy after reports that he was close to raising £200 million of new money.

But the Rolling Stones have announced their new album Shine a Light will be released in March on rival Universal Music.

MP takes EU protest to No 10

A KENT MP is heading to Downing Street to hand in a petition demanding a referendum on the controversial EU treaty.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown signed up to the treaty in December, but the document still has to be ratified in Parliament.

The document is a replacement for the abandoned EU constitution, which the Government promised a referendum on ahead of the last general election.

Roger Gale, Tory MP for North Thanet, has gathered around 3,500 signatures from constituents demanding a referendum, which he will deliver on Monday.

Mr Gale said: "I believe the Government should be left in no doubt about the strength of public feeling on this issue.

"This Government promised a referendum on a constitution.

"The treaty is a constitution by another name and any honourable administration would hold the referendum."

Daniel Hannan, Conservative MEP for the South East, joined others on Wednesday in attempts to delay ratification in the European Parliament.

In a move similar to the American ploy of 'filibustering', Mr Dannan and others sought to slow the progress of the legislation by insisting every member explained the reason for their vote.

Mr Brown has stated there is no need for a referendum on the treaty as Britain's 'red line' opt-out clauses had been protected by the Government.

Unlike the previous document, the new treaty does not override previous EU agreements but merely amends them.

References to an EU flag and anthem have also been abandoned.

Job cuts fears

BUDGET cuts of up to 15 per cent to Kent Probation Service have been condemned by the union representing probation officers.

The Kent branch of the National Association of Probation Officers said the cuts would lead to the loss of 40 frontline posts by March, with the prospect of more to follow in the next two years.

A spokesman said: "Kent branch members are extremely concerned that the loss of this many probation officer and Probation Service officer posts will make it impossible to fulfil basic duties and the public will no longer be adequately protected."

He added: "These cuts will severely impact upon the ability of the service to reduce reoffending, which can only lead to more victims of crime.

"Workload levels of Kent Probation Service staff are already at an all-time high and these job losses can only exacerbate an already serious situation and one in which staff will simply be unable to cope."

Power cost up

THE UK's biggest power provider, British Gas, which has tens of thousands of customers in Kent, is to put up its prices for gas and electricity by 15 per cent.

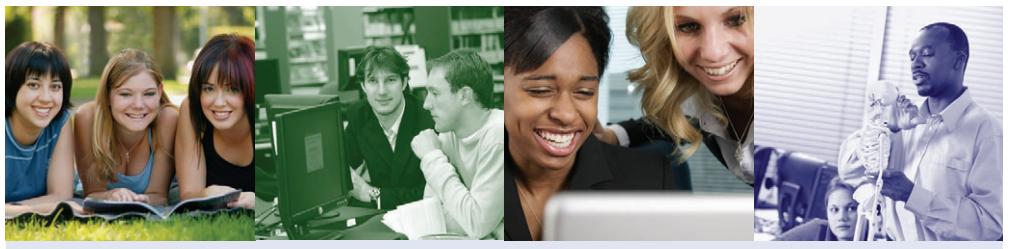
The announcement followed increases from rival npower, which raised its electricity prices by 12.7 per cent and gas by 17.2 per cent earlier this month, and EDF Energy which put up its electricity tariffs by 7.9 per cent and gas bills by 12.9 per cent this week.

British Gas, like the other two, blamed rising wholesale prices, and added that without this price hike it would make a loss this year.

"In the last six months of 2007, higher wholesale gas prices have reduced British Gas operating margins to around one per cent, and at current wholesale prices would be loss making in 2008 without the increase," its owner Centrica said in a statement.

Age Concern slammed the move.

• ***For more reaction to energy price rises, see page 13.***



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REMOVAL: Some 300 people are held at the Citadel

'Are you willing to help free a man from the Citadel?'

By **SUE POWELL**

HIGH above Dover on the Western Heights sits the Citadel.

It currently detains more than 300 men from all corners of the world. Many are failed asylum seekers. Some have been arrested for working.

It is illegal for these men to work, but it is often that or starve – not much of a choice.

Whatever the reason, these men are all waiting to be 'removed' from the UK.

In fact, there is very little prospect of many of them going anywhere. Either their embassies refuse to acknowledge their citizenship or have a policy of only returning those who indicate they are willing to return. These men have not fled their homes lightly.

Some have spoken out against repressive regimes, thereby risking their lives and often those of their families. Many men wait interminably, often for more than a year, for travel documents that never come.

The indefinite nature of their incarceration and their uncertain future are hard to bear.

It does not have to be like this. You – any of us – are in a position to help give the precious gift of freedom. How? By offering to act as a surety in a bail application.

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• ***Sue Powell is a member of Kent Refugee Help, a registered charity.***

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Kafka might feel at home

THE Citadel has capacity for 316 men and is "usually pretty full", according to the Dover Detainee Visitors Group, ***writes Peter Boyes***.

The registered charity said the detainees come from as many as 80 countries, including Eritrea, Algeria, India, Iran, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan and Vietnam.

Alan Ramsay, a committee member of the charity, said: "The concentration varies according to the political situation of different countries."

The former Army barracks, at Western Heights, became an immigration removal centre in April 2002. It is one of 10 such centres in the UK.

Many of those at the Citadel have served prison sentences in the UK, often for immigration offences, before being detained at Dover awaiting deportation, said the charity.

But some detainees cannot be deported because their country of origin refuses to recognise their citizenship, said Mr Ramsay, 73.

He referred to the 'Kafkaesque' plight of four Algerians currently held in the UK and who have been convicted of various crimes such as stealing mobile phones, robbery, having false papers and working illegally.

They want to return to their homeland, but they have no documents and the Algerian government claims they have not produced sufficient proof of citizenship.

Lawyers for the men argue the Home Office does not have the right to hold the men in custody indefinitely as it breaches their right to liberty.

The Government policy is to only detain those for whom deportation is "imminent", reported The Guardian newspaper in its coverage of the case.

At the Citadel, Mr Ramsay said the conditions were broadly acceptable.

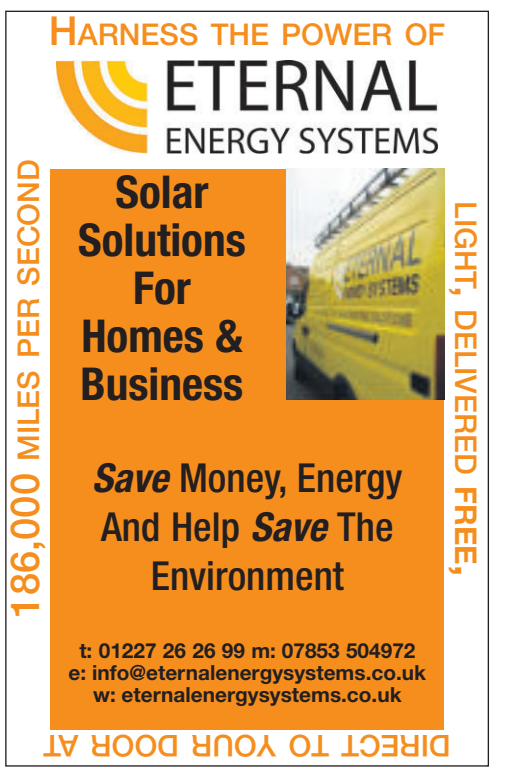
Two reports, by the Commission for Racial Equality and HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, were favourable to conditions at the Citadel.

The inspectorate did raise concerns at the lack of a dining hall, with food having to be taken on trolleys outside to blocks which meant detainees did not always get hot meals.

The Citadel was previously used as a borstal and young offenders' institution from 1957 to 2002.







MPs turn up heat on train company secrecy

PRESSURE is mounting on rail operator Southeastern to reveal its profits to the public.

By **PHIL REILLY**
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The company, which runs rail services in and out of Kent, last week refused to disclose how much profit it has made since it began running services in April, 2006.

This is despite receiving Government subsidies worth hundreds of millions of pounds and imposing inflation-busting fare increases.

Following KOS Media's story, Tory MP Roger Gale has raised concerns in Parliament about the publicly funded private company's lack of transparency.

The MP for North Thanet, asked the Secretary of State for Transport to reveal how much of the company's income it makes from the subsidies and fare hikes.

Mr Gale said: "Given that the company is receiving a considerable sum of money from the taxpayer in addition to its fare income and given [parent company] Govia's not inconsiderable profits I believe that we have a right to know how much of the company's revenue is dependant upon fare increases."

In its first year, Southeastern received £135 million in subsidy and is due to get more than £590m by 2013.

At the start of this year, average fares in Kent went up by 6.8 per cent. They are due to continue to increase at a rate of inflation plus three per cent for the next three years.

The company generated revenue of £552.7m in its first year, but would not disclose its profits.

However, its parent company Govia had revenue of over £1 billion in 2006-07 and operating profits of more than £66m.

Stephen Ladyman, the former transport minister and Labour MP for South Thanet, said he was "surprised" that Southeastern had not revealed its profits.

He said: "I can understand why on the face of it people want greater transparency.

"A public company has certain duties to report its profits, but the way the franchise system works is more complicated.

"Southeastern is a subsidiary of Govia, so any profit or loss will be subsumed in Govia's report. I'm surprised the profit figure is not included in that."

Tunde Olatunji, consumer group Passenger Focus' Southeastern spokesman, described the subsidies and fare hikes as "serious money".

He added: "If I'm paying an extra 6.8 per cent on my fare, to say nothing of the subsidy, I want to know what I'm getting for it. Am I getting a good service? Generally, going by performance figures then there have been some improvements in the overall service, but that is not necessarily the case across the whole of Kent."

ANN Widdecombe is to appear on an online TV channel being launched by the Daily Telegraph. As her media career continues, her successor as Tory MP for Maidstone and The Weald will be named this weekend.



Flying high with their favourite star

SOME people travel to large venues or festivals to watch their favourite bands or artists, but one Kent couple got to see their favourite star in a far stranger venue.

Rob Divers and Emma Richardson, from Dartford, travelled further than most to see singer-songwriter Newton Faulkner – in a hot air balloon above the Swiss Alps.

They were two of 13 prize winners who were taken high above the spectacular mountain range for the exclusive gig, courtesy of Virgin Balloon Flights and Virgin Radio.

Despite the altitude and cold, which meant the Brit award nominee had to frequently warm his hands and retune his guitar, Ms Richardson was treated to a performance of her favourite song, Teardrop.

Mr Faulkner played the song as the balloon floated above the town of Greyere, famous for its cheese.



BIRTHDAY BOY: Newton Faulkner

Mr Divers, 25, said: "I didn't know the balloon had taken off it was so smooth, it's the most peaceful feeling ever. With Newton Faulkner singing, the scenery and everything, it was the ultimate experience."

Ms Richardson, 28, added: "As soon as I heard the first chord, that was when it sunk in that, not only were we up there, but that we were listening to Newton Faulkner. It was ridiculous."

The concert was particularly special for Mr Faulkner as it was his 23rd birthday.

Speaking to Virgin Radio DJ Ben Jones, he said: "I've done all kinds of gigs in all kinds of places including a moving train but this the ultimate. This time next year I'll have to perform in outer space to top this."

After a soft landing and a champagne toast, the couple were treated to a second, impromptu gig at a Swiss chalet which included a cover of Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody.

Virgin Balloon Flights are available from Mote Park in Maidstone.

Newton Faulkner performed at Kent's Electric Gardens music festival last summer.





‘You’re not the boss of me’ says Stone

SOUL singer Joss Stone has spoken of her decision to dump her management and go solo.

It had been feared the Dover-born star was heading for a Britney Spears-style breakdown following her eccentric behaviour at last year’s Brits music awards ceremony, the admission that she smoked cannabis and her ever-changing hairstyles.

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But the 20-year-old’s career is now on the up again: her new album debuted at number two in the US charts and she won the contract to be the new Cadbury’s Flake girl.

The developments are especially surprising given that Stone is now managing herself.

In a new interview, she spoke of her newfound freedoms as a creative artist running her own career: “It’s not difficult. Not when you’re at the point that I’m at. If you’re starting out, trying to get a record deal, that’s different. But once you’re there, it’s easy.

“All managers do is organise things that you tell them too.”

It was a bold decision for a young star in a notoriously cut-throat industry. Her previous managers questioned the wisdom of her decision and went public with their concerns for the singer’s future last year.

But Stone does not regret it. On the contrary, her career has seen an upturn in fortunes since she went solo.

She said: “I negotiated the Cadbury’s deal myself. Really, it wasn’t hard. I even managed to get my mum what she wanted – a lifetime’s supply of Flakes.”

She added: “All you need to know is how to say four words: yes, no, more and less. That’s it. The hard part is knowing how to say that without upsetting people. But that’s it and anyone who makes it out to be more difficult is a liar.

“And they take 20 per cent for doing what? I manage my life, just as you do. I’ve got a lawyer and an accountant for everything else.

“Sometimes it goes wrong, sometimes it goes right, but at least I’m learning. There’s no point being here if you’re not going to learn, otherwise you’re just another product.”

In the interview, for The Mail on Sunday, Stone showed the strong and wilful side to her character that must have proved difficult for music industry executives.

She said: “I really don’t like being told what to do. If you ask, or suggest, I’ll do it for you a thousand times, but if you talk to me as if I’m an idiot... if I feel myself being pushed in one direction, I’ll probably end up going in the other – which sometimes is a bad thing.”

Joscelyn Eve Stoker was born in Dover in 1987 to Richard, a fruit importer, and housewife Wendy. She moved to Devon when she was a teenager.

Her new single Baby, Baby, Baby was released this week.



Picture: ROBIN WONG

ALL BY MYSELF: Joss is her own manager

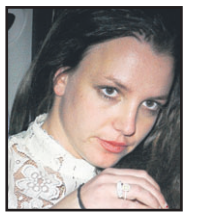
No excuse for Britney’s behaviour

BRITNEY Spears must sort her life out for the sake of her children, according to neighbour Lorna Luft, ***writes Jane Connolly.***

As the daughter of Hollywood star Judy Garland, Ms Luft knows all about the pressures of fame. But she believes it is no excuse for the troubled pop star’s shambolic behaviour.

“I just wish Britney would move,” she said. “I live with 30 paparazzi outside the house in Los Angeles every day. I want her to get some help for her kids’ sake. I don’t feel sorry for her, there’s too much help out there. She has the opportunity not to choose the wrong path. It’s putting her kids in danger and I don’t have sympathy for that.”

Miss Luft was speaking to KOS Media as she prepares to bring her stage show, Songs My Mother Taught Me, to Dartford. It is a celebration of her mother’s life and legacy.



Britney Spears



Lorna Luft

Spending her childhood with one of the world’s best-loved actresses certainly gave Miss Luft an early taste of fame. But she appears to have avoided the pitfalls of stardom, while Miss Spears’ life has turned into a media circus over the last few years.

Since divorcing Kevin Federline in 2006, she has been fighting him for custody of their two sons. Her bizarre behaviour has included shaving her head and attacking a photographer’s car with an umbrella. At the time of writing, she had been banned from seeing her sons for a month.

“I think you make your own destiny,” Miss Luft said.” If you court the press, you can’t complain about it. There are lots of famous people who are incredibly private.”

Living in the shadow of her mother has never been a problem for Miss Luft, who has compiled a show that includes personal photos, video footage and the unforgettable songs that made Judy Garland such a well-loved performer.

“You don’t live up to your parents, you live for them,” she said. “You live to tell their story if they’re not with you.”

• ***Songs My Mother Taught Me will be at the Orchard Theatre, on Tuesday, January 29.***

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Smoke ban 'will close down pubs'

By **PHIL REILLY** and **LAUREN MUMFORD**
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MORE and more pubs will be forced to close their doors for good in the coming months as landlords struggle to cope with the effects of the smoking ban, KOS Media has been told.

It is now six months since the ban came into effect and many pubs are feeling the pinch of lost customers and the expected new business from non-smokers so far not materialising.

Godfrey Page, chairman of industry group the Guild of Master Victuallers, said he expected more pubs to call it a day over the next few months.

Mr Page, from Dover, said: "The casualties are going to be more and more, with smaller pubs having little opportunity to do anything about it. The larger ones will suffer too, but if you are making a reasonable profit you can take some reductions and still survive, that is not the case with a lot of the smaller pubs.

"This is going to go on. The Government is now talking about binge drinking and the number units people consume and the health lobby is going hell for leather."

Mr Page said that any proposals to raise the drinking age to 21 were "absolutely crazy".

He added: "If you can join the Army and get married at 16, it is ridiculous to suggest you can't drink. Silly ideas like that are going to make more people drink at home behind closed doors."

Mo Russell, who has been landlady of the Fountain Inn in Maidstone for the last 30 years, said her business had slowed considerably since the ban came into effect.

She said: "We don't get the customers coming in after work as we did and have found most people just go to the off-licence for some cans and sit indoors, where they can enjoy a cigarette with a drink.

"The way things are going, in 10 years' time there won't be any pubs left.



UP IN SMOKE: Colin Beck has lost trade

"People come to a pub to relax with a cigarette and a drink, now the freedom of smoking has been taken away from people, they prefer to stay at home."

She said the atmosphere in pubs had been ruined.

She added: "Pubs should have had the choice – there should have been non-smoking pubs and smoking pubs.

Impact

"We have had to stop our entertainment because the poor bloke ended up spending most of the evening singing to himself because everyone kept going in and out to smoke."

Colin Beck, landlord of The Dragoon in Maidstone, said his pub no longer puts on entertainment due to the impact of the controversial ban.

He has spent more than £18,000 of his own money on an outdoor smoking terrace, decoration and furniture, to accommodate the ban.

He said: "The Government said this ban would bring in new customers who didn't smoke, but where are they?

"Money has been spent to improve facilities, but these new customers haven't been in yet.

"It's the locals who are supporting the pub, without them it would be difficult to carry on."

To see more about the plight of pub owners worried for their livelihood visit www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

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Security company expands operations

A FIRM that protects blue chip companies and wealthy individuals from kidnappings, extortion and terror threats is expanding its operations.

The Ashford-based Inkerman Group, which employs many former intelligence and military staff, is opening a new office in Cologne, Germany, in order to grow its international business.

The company offers complete protection to its corporate customers, which includes dealing with kidnap and ransom, extortion, carrying out risk assessments and electronic sweeps.

It also carries out background checks on staff, advises on potential threats and has rapid response teams stationed around the world.

In particular, it offers protection to staff who may be travelling to unstable or dangerous regions, or working on projects that may "attract unwanted attention".

Gerald Moor, chief executive, said the move was the first phase of its expansion into mainland Europe.

He said: "2008 will be a very exciting year for The Inkerman Group. Not only have we extended our proposition in terms of the services we are able to provide our clients, but now we are also increasing our geographical reach.

"Our clients in Germany are significant and it is largely due to their encouragement that we have taken this step to open new offices there. Having said that, the company's intention is to continue with this first-stage expansion into mainland Europe as an integral part of our growth plans."

The company does not reveal the names of its clients because of the sensitivity of its work.

Ashford used to be home to the British Army's Intelligence Corps, which was based at Templar Barracks until it moved away in 1997.



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Archbishop wades into Zimbabwe church row

THE Archbishop of Canterbury has "condemned unequivocally" the Zimbabwean authorities for disrupting services and intimidating opponents of a deposed bishop.

Dr Rowan Williams has spoken out after reports that police had used force to break up services held by parishioners who refused to recognise the authority of disgraced former Anglican bishop Nolbert Kunonga.

Mr Kunonga is a close ally of president Robert Mugabe and supporter of his Zanu-PF party.

He was deposed as Bishop of Harare last December after he split from the African Anglican church body, the Province of Central Africa. He set up his own Anglican Church of Zimbabwe and declared himself archbishop.

He was replaced in the official church by Bishop Sebastian Bakare, but police have given out leaflets warning parishioners that only clergy who recognised Mr Kunonga could hold services.

Senior Tory gives pension warning

By **PHIL REILLY**
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A TOP Conservative has warned it could be years before Allied Steel and Wire workers finally get their pensions.

Last month, the Government said the former steelworkers whose schemes collapsed with the Sheerness company in 2002 would receive 90 per cent of their pensions.

But during a visit to the county, Chris Grayling, the Tory pensions spokesman, said that discussions between the Government and trustees of the pension scheme could mean payments are delayed.

He said: "My hope is they will find a way of making payments within months. My fear is it could take years more for these things to be sorted out.

"The Department for Work and Pensions is too rigid and not making payments until protracted conversations with the trustees are finished.

"It is important they get a move on and make payments to people who are suffering from real hardship as a result of not receiving their pensions."

And he added: "I don't see any reason why they can't make start making payments by March."



PAY UP NOW: MP Chris Grayling

Mr Grayling argued payments could be delayed as the Government takes its time to assess every claimant's case.

He added: "We should treat the pensioners as honest, law-abiding people and take their word for it."

The Tory MP for Epsom and Ewell was speaking after a visit to Ashford on Monday to see how Kent County Council tackles welfare dependency.

Andrew Parr, 63, from Minster on the Isle of Sheppey, lost his pension when ASW collapsed and has been fighting to have it restored as part of the Pensions Action Group.

He said the group would not hesitate to restart its protests if the Government did not sort the payments out promptly.

He said: "I'm cynical of everything politicians say, so we will be keeping an eye on the Government to make sure they're going as fast as they can."

Mr Parr said he hoped the payments would be made this July.

Mike O'Brien, Minister for Pensions and Reform, told KoS the Government's Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) was working with the trustees to make sure payments were made as quickly as possible.

He added: "Many trustees are helpful and we've forged a good working relationship with them. The FAS unit is paying everyone it can – more than 4,000 people. But we estimate there are between 6,500 and 7,500 people over 65 who could potentially be receiving help under the scheme.

"To reach these people we need trustees of FAS-qualifying schemes to apply for payments and provide us with information on their members.

"There are still too many schemes that haven't – I'd urge their trustees to join in with future workshops so together we can increase the number of people receiving payments."

Tory leader David Cameron announced this week he would scrap 'gold-plated' pension schemes for MPs.

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Top brass fire salvo at 'glamour' claims over Army recruitment ads

EXCLUSIVE

By **JAMIE McGINNES**

KENT'S most senior Army officer has rejected as "nonsensical" claims that military recruitment adverts glamorise warfare and underplay the risks.

Brigadier Iain James, in his first interview since starting his new role as Commanding Officer of 2 (South East) Brigade, said new recruits were aware of the dangers.

A report commissioned by the Joseph Rowntree Trust, concluded the Armed Forces have a poor retention record, partly because they "promise recruits more than they can deliver".



OFFICER: Iain James, 46

But when asked if Army advertising glamorised combat, Brig James told KOS Media: "I don't think it does – I think it's very realistic.

"In fact, it shows the true nature of service in the military. I hardly think it makes it seem glamorous."

The social welfare trust's report claimed the Army underplayed the risks of a career in the military.

It said it used sanitised language in promotional literature and DVDs. Some brochures do not use the words "kill" or "risk".

Brig James, 46, added: "If one looks at the media exposure we have now of our operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, I think it's fairly nonsensical to say a young man or woman doesn't have an extremely good idea as to what a soldier gets up to.

"To try to say that we're trying to mislead people is perhaps a little far-fetched."

Nationally, for every two 16 to 22-year-olds joining the Army, one is leaving, according to recent figures.

Brig James said: "We have to operate in a difficult recruiting environment. We're competing with other employers. Historically, the Army would have had a big recruiting pool of 16, 17-year-olds who now go into further education."

However, an Army spokesman in Kent emphasised that recruitment was not a problem in the South East.

Brig James, who has been on tours to the Falklands, Kosovo and Northern Ireland, said he thought British forces would be in Afghanistan for the long-term.

He said: "It is a long campaign and success will be measured over a considerable period of time. Perhaps there is an expectation of quick wins, which doesn't really match reality."

Brig James, who lives with his wife Helen at Dover Castle, and is based at Shorncliffe Barracks in Folkestone, said he hoped to visit Afghanistan to see troops, depending on the "tempo of operations" there. It would be his first visit to the country.

Brig James is responsible for around 5,000 regular and reserve troops from Kent, Surrey and Sussex. He is also in charge of the Brunei-based 1st Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles, currently in Afghanistan.

He took over as CO of 2 (South East) Brigade on December 3 from Brig Plastow, who has been promoted to Commander of Regional Forces.









TRUE TO LIFE? Scenes from Army recruitment advertisements

Backing for tough Forces drug policy

BRIGADIER Iain James defended the Army's tough stance on soldiers caught taking drugs.

Last November, it emerged that 17 troops from the Canterbury-based Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders were to be dismissed after testing positive for drugs.

The soldiers had just returned from a break in the Mexican resort of Cancun.

Brig James said: "Statistically, the majority of soldiers who have been detected taking drugs are dismissed.

"It's a policy which has withstood the test of time since we've had it in place. I would hope it's an effective deterrent."

He added: "The last thing you want to have is young men and women operating high-tech, dangerous equipment in complex situations who are perhaps under the influence of strange substances.

"I certainly wouldn't want to have somebody flying my helicopter, or driving my car, or standing next to me with a rifle, just after he stuck a couple of pills down his neck."

KCC newspaper costs £50,000

A NEWSPAPER produced by Kent County Council costs more than £50,000 to print and distribute.

Around Kent, which has been produced by KCC in various formats for nearly 20 years, was changed from a magazine to newspaper last year to reduce the cost.

The quarterly publication costs around 8p to print and distribute each of its 630,000 copies, which are free. When it was a magazine, the cost was 16p a copy.

Shelley Whittaker, KCC's brand and publications manager, edits Around Kent. She said: "As a public body we have a duty to communicate with the public and Around Kent is the most cost-effective way for us to do this.

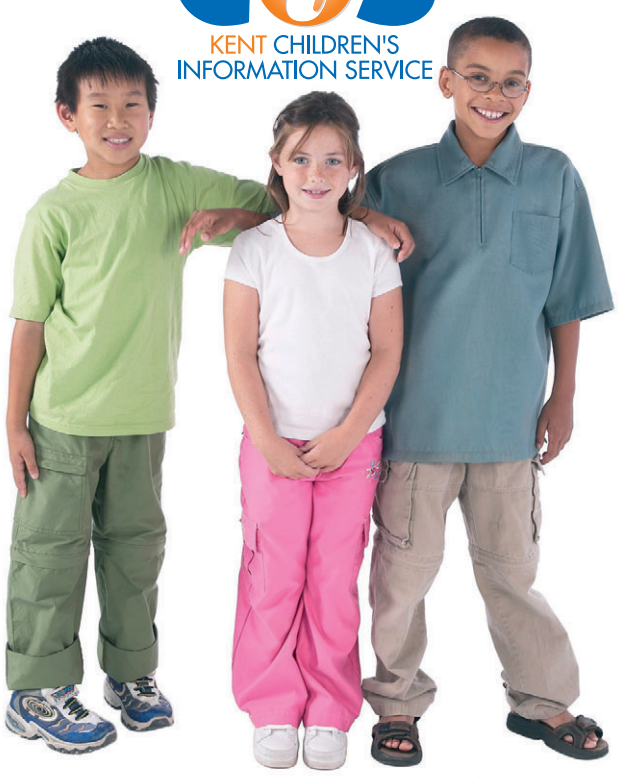
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images of Kent

IN THE five years since Kent on Sunday was launched, our Images of Kent section has proved ever popular.

The format is simple: readers from across Kent send in their photographs of their favourite scenes around the county.

This week, we present an Images of Kent special, featuring the photography of David Walls, from Gillingham.

He submitted three photographs of Kent architecture old and new and each is stunning in its own right.

The first features Dartford Crossing, and was taken at 4pm last Saturday. Mr Walls, who uses a Canon EOS 400D, entitled it 'Light, wires, power and concrete'.

He said: "I loved the power and mix of everything that makes up the image. The suspension cables, cross communication and utility wires, build structure including curvature and the light trails created by traffic heading into Kent."



Filter work

Another image shows Bluewater Shopping Centre. It was taken on Monday.

Mr Walls said: "After the turmoil of Christmas, normality is restored to Bluewater Shopping Centre.

"This shopping centre goes to great lengths to portray light and glitz as part of its shoppers welcome. I felt when taking this that even without the multitude of festive lighting, it stood the tests of time on January 14."

Our final image shows Upnor Castle captured from the Docklands Marina across the River Medway.

Mr Walls used filter work, contrast and border manipulation to give the picture an older feel.

"I would have liked to recreate how it looked in 1667 when the Dutch fleet sailed past it to ransack Chatham Docks, considering it was built in 1599 to stop this happening," he said.

Mr Walls sent his submission this week. He said he hoped he would be lucky enough to get printed. He was.

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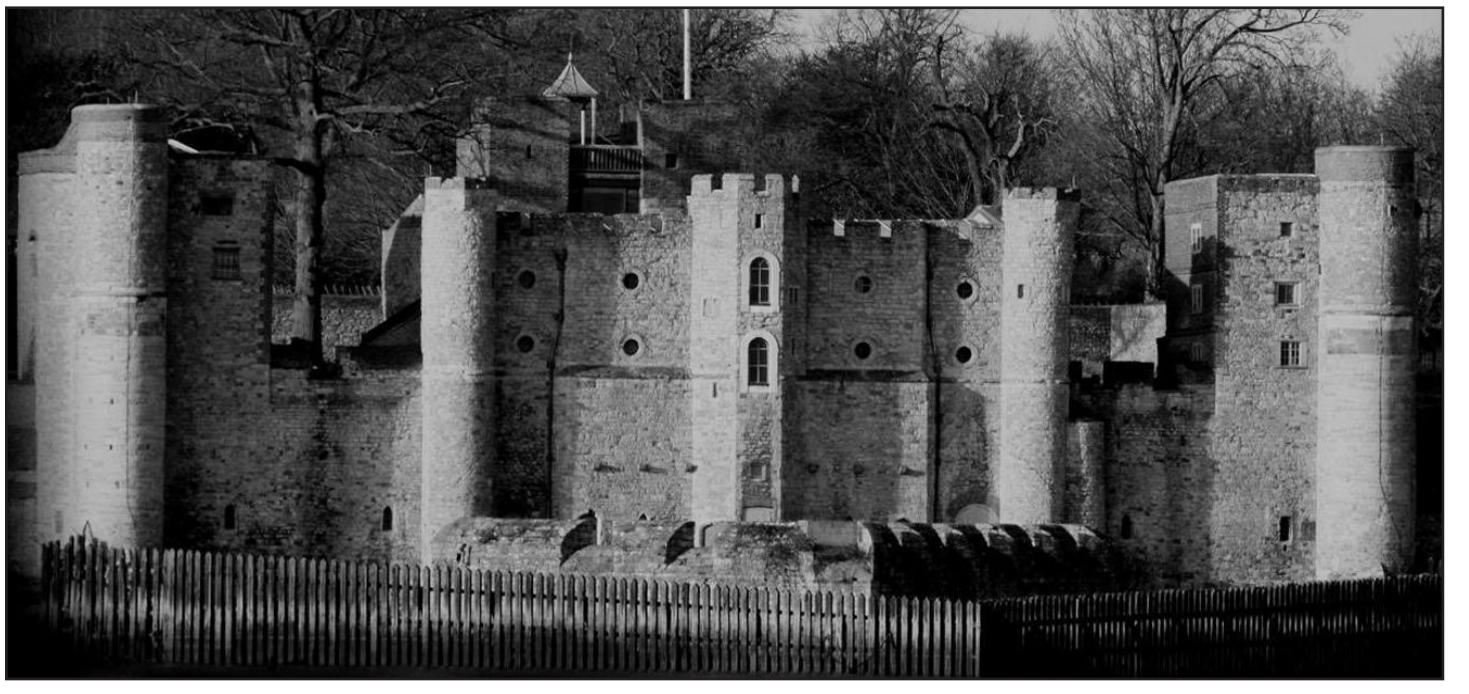
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TECHNIQUES: David Walls, from Gillingham, used a Canon EOS 400D to capture the Dartford crossing, Bluewater Shopping Centre and Upnor Castle on the Medway



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To register, visit The Brook Theatre in Chatham between 10am and 1pm on Sunday (Jan 20). There will be a registration fee of £20 to cover script, costume and administration costs.

For more details, log onto www.evolution-productions.co.uk/beauty.

Cold comfort in short supply for the elderly

Major fuel bill hikes raises health fears

By **TONY PATEY** & **CHRIS MURPHY**
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PENSIONERS faced with swelling energy bills falling on their doormats may struggle to pay – and their plight raises the spectre of ill health.

EDF Energy and npower have both unveiled higher gas and electricity prices recently – with increases way above the rate of inflation – and other energy suppliers are expected to follow suit soon.

But Gordon Lishman, director general of Age Concern, said: "Many older people already feel they need to cut back on their heating to reduce their bill.

"Fears of higher bills may cause people to cut back further, yet this could be putting their health at risk.

"Older people shouldn't have to worry about health versus wealth."

He added: "It is really worrying to see such big increases in fuel prices. Similar price hikes across the board would hit the poorest pensioners hardest at a time when many are already finding it difficult to make ends meet.

"Such price increases would push many thousands more older people into fuel poverty which is already a major concern."



WORRY: Gordon Lishman says the elderly should not have to put health before wealth

He blamed the Government for failing to meet fuel poverty targets for vulnerable households.

He said: "It must work harder to abolish fuel poverty and do much more to get vital benefits cash to those who need it so that people can afford to heat their homes.

"The Government and energy companies must work together to address the problem of the huge pressure expensive fuel bills place on vulnerable groups."

He urged energy companies to put off increases until after the winter quarter as this is when older people worry most about fuel bills.

National Pensioners Convention South East secretary Alexandra Barnes said the Government's winter fuel payments will make little difference.

She said: "The prudent pensioner has become hostage to not only the oil-producing countries but also the overseas-owned British utility companies whose profit benefits the directors and shareholders overseas.

"This has a 'knock on' effect on the pensioners of Kent who pay more pro rata on just basic living expenses."

Ms Barnes said the convention has been fighting "long and hard" for a rise of up to 45 per cent on the basic state pension so they don't have to worry about claiming lots of different benefits which can be confusing.

She added: "Our advice to all pensioners is to stay warm, turn on their heat and keep themselves comfortable. Thousands still die from hypothermia every year which is a national scandal in this day and age."

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Man injured in suspected hit and run

A MAN was rushed to hospital with life-threatening injuries after being hit by a car in Westgate-on-Sea.

The man was taken to QEQM following the incident in Westgate Bay Avenue at 5pm on Tuesday.

Police said the car was a Ford Ka and have appealed for witnesses.



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New film set to blow whistle on adults spoiling youth football

By **PHIL REILLY**
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VIOLENCE, verbal abuse and intimidation regularly feature on the touchlines of children's football matches across the country.

From abusive parents to overzealous coaches, children and referees are feeling the brunt of a highly competitive approach to youth football.

It is this culture that Ernie Brennan, a filmmaker and coach for Faversham Town Juniors, hopes to change with a new documentary.

Mr Brennan is looking for people to send in footage of abuse at youth games in Kent for use in the film, entitled Come the Whistle.

He told Kent on Sunday said he was worried about the "adultification" of children's football and argued for a back-to-basics approach to the game.

He said: "Children aren't allowed to just play football anymore.

"The things you see and hear at children's football matches are incredible. There is violence, swearing and intimidation, children reduced to tears if they haven't won.

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"There is a huge amount of competition and pressure which has become an accepted part of the game now. Nowhere else in Europe organises kids' football in this way."

Mr Brennan said he was first motivated to tackle the issue after seeing a man run onto a pitch, swear at a child and punch a referee during a seven-a-side tournament.

He said the biggest step in tackling the problem would be to take children's football out of the hands of the Football Association.

He continued: "The FA has created this monster where adults are scaring children away from football. It is putting kids in kits and sponsoring them and having leagues with relegations and promotions. The whole fun aspect has disappeared.

"What I'm here to do is to establish that the children's game is not the adult's game. You can't have under-12s playing in goals the size of [Arsenal goalkeeper] Jens Lehmann's. It is ridiculous."

An FA spokesman said the body has a range of initiatives to address issues in children's football.

He said: "The FA is actively developing mini-soccer as an option for young players, with flexibility on numbers of players per team. We are also in the process of introducing a new structure of age-specific coaching qualifications, which are tailored to the needs of the 5-11, 11-16 and 16-plus age groups.

"The emphasis at the youngest age bracket is on fun, individual development over competition and skills over matches.

"We are also piloting schemes at grassroots level to address the behaviour of overcompetitive parents and coaches putting too much pressure on young players."

Mr Brennan is developing the feature-length documentary for ITV and it is expected to be broadcast later this year.

A five-minute trailer for the film can be viewed at www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

• ***To contribute footage for the documentary, call Mr Brennan on 01622 766998 or email ernie@capricornproductions.co.uk.***



MONSTER: Faversham Town Juniors coach Ernie Brennan (holding clipboard) says the FA has created a culture where overbearing adults are scaring youngsters away from football

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HGVs banned from crossing

MEDWAY Council has stopped lorries using a bridge because of safety fears.

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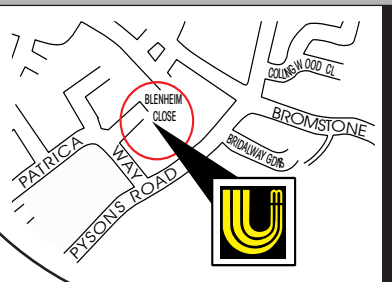
Although the carriageway has a weight limit of 17 tonnes, the footbridge has a limit of just 7.5 tonnes. It is feared large vehicles could be forced on to the footway, stressing it beyond its safety limit.

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When we look at a bridge or other structure, we check for various defects including cracks, rust, damaged concrete and brickwork and generally any significant difference from the last inspection. All the conditions are noted and any work required to the structure is submitted to the highways team to be scheduled.

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The next stop is the village of Pembury before the route moves out into the countryside, through the picturesque villages of Matfield, Brenchley, Horsmonden and Goudhurst, where the church offers excellent views over the Weald.

Cranbrook, Golford, Benenden and Rolvenden are also along the route, as the bus makes its way to Tenterden. This is a good place to take a break as the journey from Tunbridge Wells has taken about 90 minutes so far and Tenterden offers a high street lined with independent shops and cafes.

Trans*weald* 297 completes its journey by travelling through Woodchurch (and some journeys divert to serve the Rare Breeds Centre), Shadoxhurst and Kingsnorth before reaching Ashford. The bus calls at Ashford Designer Outlet Centre and the train station before finishing in the town centre.

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Start	Finish	Road	Reason
Current	29.2.08	Hubbards Hill, Sevenoaks	Road closure – bridge repair works
22.1.08	30.1.08	London Road, Sevenoaks	Temporary traffic lights – new gas mains

Thanet

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
Current	29.2.08	Margate Road, Ramsgate	Temporary traffic lights – road widening

Shepway

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
Current	25.4.08	Horn Street, Hythe	Road closure – new water mains

Maidstone

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
21.1.08	25.1.08	Battle Lane, Marden	Road closure – drainage works

Ashford

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
21.1.08	29.2.08	Swain Road, Tenterden	Road closure – new gas mains

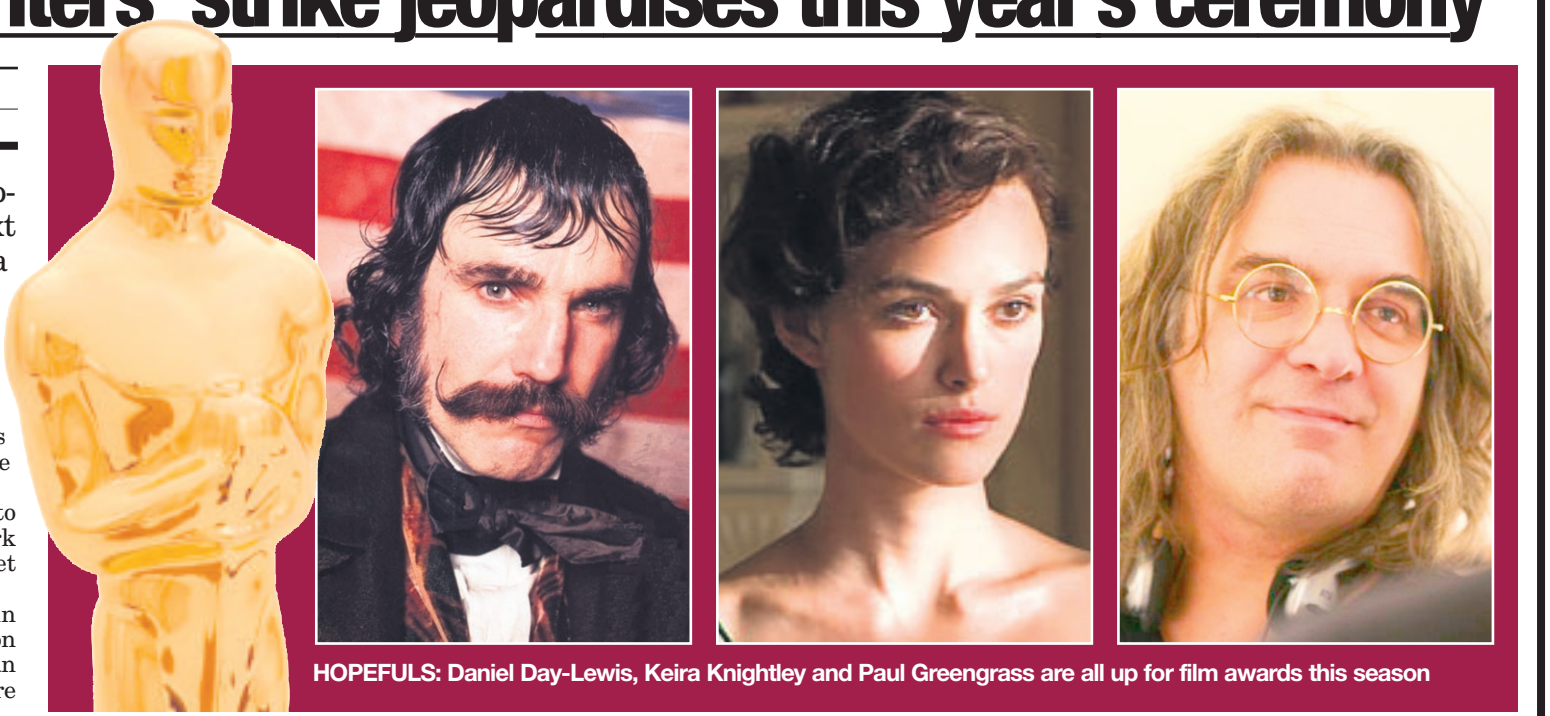
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‘And the Oscar goes to...’

Hollywood writers’ strike jeopardises this year’s ceremony

By **PHIL REILLY**
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HOPEFULS: Daniel Day-Lewis, Keira Knightley and Paul Greengrass are all up for film awards this season

DANIEL Day-Lewis may be hoping to pick up an Oscar next month, but he might not have a ceremony to go to if the screenwriters’ strike continues.

The prestigious Golden Globe awards were reduced to a press conference this week because of the ongoing dispute between writers and studios, which has halted much film and TV production since November.

The writers believe they are entitled to royalties for the distribution of their work through new media, including the internet and mobile phones.

Mr Day-Lewis, who was raised in Greenwich and schooled in Sevenoaks, won best actor for his chilling portrayal of an oil man in Paul Thomas Anderson’s There Will Be Blood.

Contender

The 50-year-old has also won several critics’ awards, including best actor gongs from the National Society of Film Critics and the LA Film Critics’ Choice Awards, and has been nominated for a Bafta.

This has made him a strong contender for an Oscar at the 80th Academy Awards on February 24, although it is feared the glitzy ceremony could also be called off if the dispute is not resolved.

Awards season could also prove rich pickings for Gravesend-raised director Paul Greengrass and his film The Bourne Ultimatum, the third in the trilogy based on Robert Ludlum’s Jason Bourne books.

Mr Greengrass is up for Best Director in next month’s Bafta ceremony, to be held at London’s Royal Opera House on February 10.

The film is also nominated in several other categories, including Outstanding British Film of the Year, cinematography, editing, sound and special effects.

Mr Greengrass faces tight competition in the directors’ category, with the Coen brothers and Joe Wright both receiving big praise for No Country for Old Men and Atonement respectively. Both movies are also up for the Best Film gong, alongside American Gangster, The Lives of Others and There Will Be Blood.

Mr Day-Lewis also faces stiff competition for the Best Actor prize from George Clooney, James McAvoy, Viggo Mortensen and Ulrich Muhe.

Cate Blanchett has been tipped to walk away with the Best Actress award for her starring performance Elizabeth: The Golden Age, the sequel to the 1998 film, although Keira Knightley, Julie Christie, Marion Cotillard and Ellen Page will give her a run for her money.

Nominees for this year’s Academy Awards are announced on January 22.

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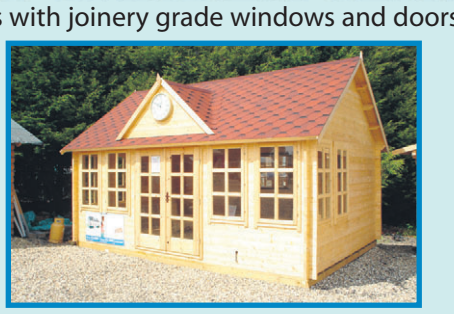
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‘No blue flag for Viking Bay’



BEACH LIFE: Despite improving water quality, Viking Bay is unlikely to get a coveted blue flag this year

ONE of Kent’s most famous beaches looks likely to miss out on blue flag status, despite improving water quality.

Southern Water spent millions of pounds on a treatment facility near Richborough but the symbol of high coastal standards may still prove elusive for Viking Bay at Broadstairs because of the way results of water quality are backdated.

Tests

Blue flag status is based on tests carried out on the water by the Environment Agency from May to September the previous year.

This means that even if water pumped out to sea is cleaner than before, a flag is unlikely to fly over the bay until 2009.

Tom Bell, of the Marine Conservation Society, said: “In my opinion, Viking Bay is unlikely to get a blue flag for summer 2008 as it failed to meet the standards for one in 2007. It’s just the way it works.”

Last year heavy rainfall blighted the bay’s blue flag tests.

Downpours meant that surface water and run-off from road drains was a key factor in the bay’s water being recorded as below par.

The news could be a blow for the Broadstairs tourist industry.

A blue flag giving a true reflection of the water quality could be a year late and not in place for the coming tourist season.

Many traders believe that a flag is a highly important way to attract tourists to the town and that without it trade can be severely hit.

Viking Bay is the only stretch of Thanet’s coast tested by the Environment Agency not to hold a blue flag.

The seven other tested areas all currently hold a flag and should continue to do so now the Weatherlees Hill wastewater treatment facility is in operation. It has greatly improved the quality of water released into the sea.

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CCTV: This pair walked into a pub around the time of the stabbing in Tunbridge Wells

DETECTIVES want to speak to these two men as part of their investigation into a stabbing in Tunbridge Wells.

The victim, a 23-year-old man, received a stab wound to the stomach. Police said he is recovering in hospital.

A spokesman said: “Police would like to speak to the two men in the picture who are shown standing in the door of the public house opposite where the incident happened as they may have information about the incident that could help the investigation.

“I hope that one or both of the men in the picture will contact us as soon as possible, or if anyone has any information about who they are, we would be pleased to hear from them.”

The incident happened on Saturday, January 5 at around 11.30pm.

Call the police on 01732 379217 or Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Seven people who were arrested in connection with the incident have been released on police bail.

Theatre gets orchestra back

THE Marlowe Theatre’s resident orchestra is returning to the venue this month accompanied by a renowned pianist.

The Philharmonia, led by Ukrainian conductor Kirill Karabits, will be performing with French pianist Helene Grimaud on January 30.

The orchestra will be performing Mussorgsky’s Night on the Bare Mountain and will climax with Sibelius’ Second Symphony. Ms Grimaud will join them for a performance of Beethoven’s Emperor Piano Concerto.

Later in the year, the group will be joined by renowned British tenor Alfie Boe for an opera gala in April. BBC Proms sensation Gustavo Dudamel will also be conducting the orchestra in June.

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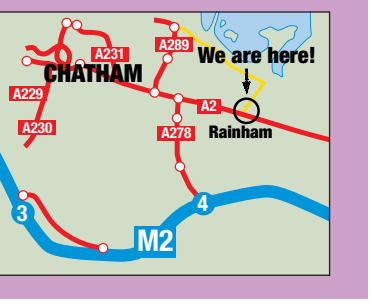
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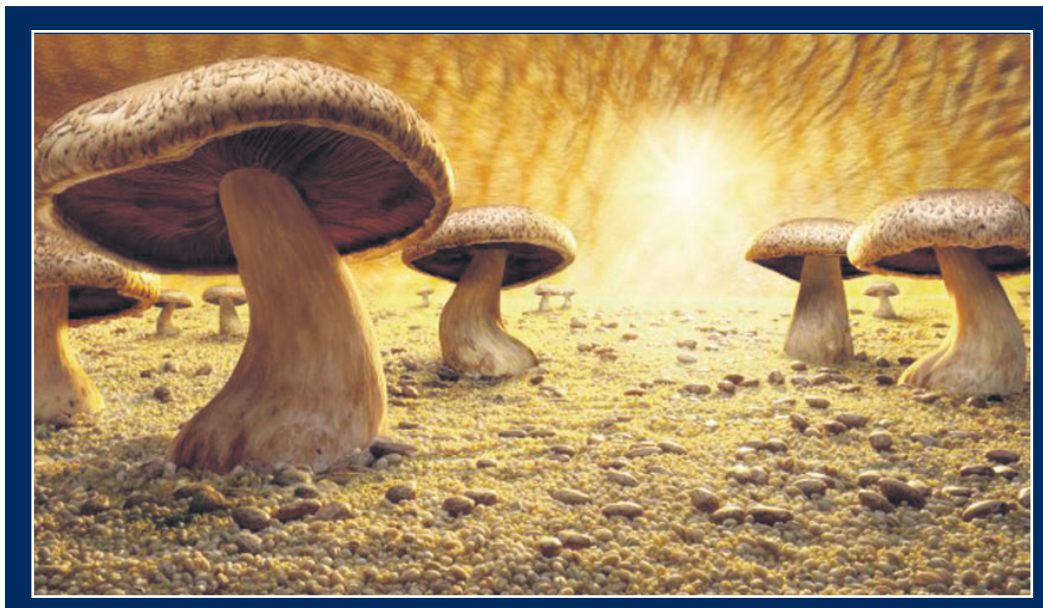
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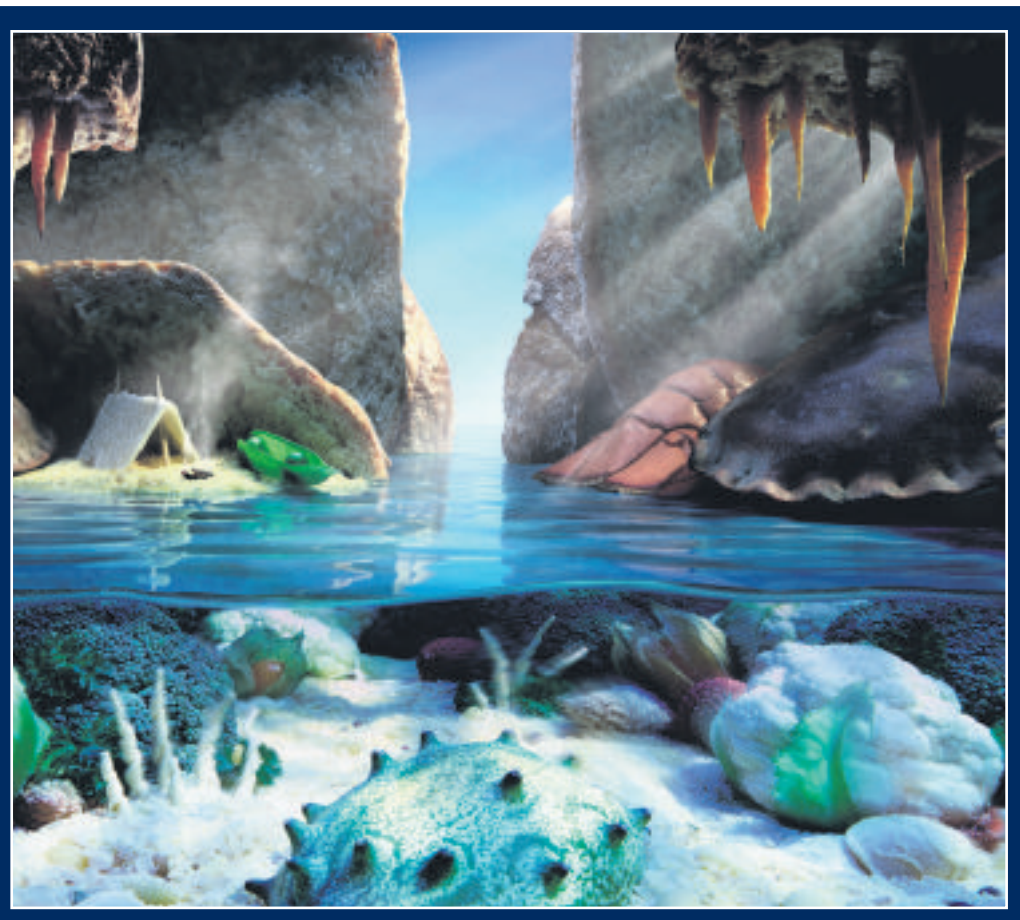
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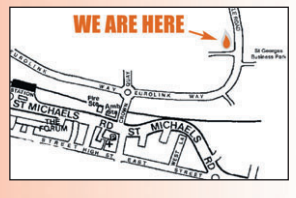
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FOODSCAPES: Salmon, potatoes and broccoli are some of the ingredients used in Carl Warner's images

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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A SERIES of pictures by photographer Carl Warner looks good enough to eat.

And that's quite possible, because they are all made of food.

In one landscape shot, smoked salmon is used for the sea and sky, with additional backlighting to dull the pinkness and give an illusion of a deep setting sun.

Potatoes and brown soda bread take on new roles as rocks, pebbles and stone. A small boat floating in a bay of a paradise isle is pea pod in the picture, which is part of his Foodscapes series.

Mr Warner, 44, from Horsmonden, near Tunbridge Wells, said the collection has taken years to do and was commissioned by advertising agencies across Europe for the food industry.

He said: "Although I'm hands-on with my work, I use model makers and food stylists to help create the sets. I start with a drawing which I sketch out in order to get the composition worked out, this acts as a blueprint for the team to work to."

In a painstaking process, he produced the spectacular shots using a series of layers starting at the front and moving towards the backgrounds – all these are blended together using computers.

Part of the reason for each one taking so long is that the food quickly wilted under the lights – a problem discovered when the Skoda cake advert was shot last year.

Techniques

Mr Warner, who has a studio in south-east London, said: "I tend to draw a conventional landscape using classic compositional techniques as I need to fool the viewer into thinking it is a real scene at first glance.

"It is the realisation of what the real ingredients are that brings a smile and for me that's the best part."

He added: "I've enjoy the discipline of working in a studio, and the spontaneity of working outdoors in natural light, as you never know what you're going to get.

"With my foodscapes I can now put together the knowledge of natural light with the control of recreating it in the studio in order to bring out the colours and textures as well as the beauty of a scene."

His foodscapes can take around three days to build and photograph, plus a couple more days retouching and fine-tuning the images to blend all the elements.

He spends a lot of time planning each image before shooting in order to choose the best ingredients to replicate larger scale shapes and forms within nature.

He said: "I find myself staring at vegetables in supermarkets a lot which may make me seem a little odd. However, finding the right shaped broccoli to use for a tree is an all-important task.

"Although there is a fair amount of waste, there is a lot of food left over which is shared out with the team, though most of the food used in the sets have either been super glued or pinned and neither of these makes for good eating."

Next up is a book, which he hopes will be enjoyed by both food and art lovers.

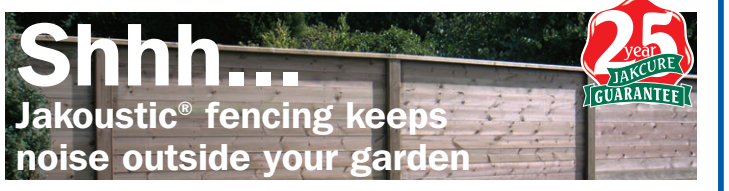
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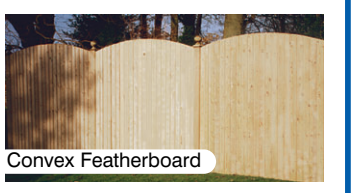


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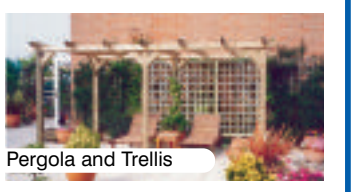
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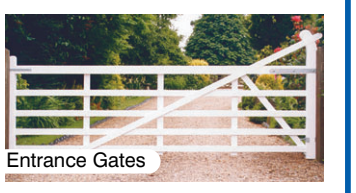
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Divine intervention for Isle's homeless

Bishop steps in to help keep temporary shelter open

By **PHIL REILLY**
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AN ELEVENTH hour intervention by a Kent clergyman gave more than two dozen homeless people an extra week of shelter.

A temporary night shelter run by the Scrine Foundation in Thanet over the Christmas period had been due to shut its doors on January 7.

The Bishop of Dover and Canterbury Stephen Venner visited the volunteer-run centre in Cliftonville, Margate the day before it was due to close.

He was so touched by the plight of the people he met that he urged the charity's trustees to try to keep it open.



PLACE TO STAY: Bishop Stephen spoke to users of the Scrine Foundation's night shelter

Vulnerable

They agreed and the shelter was kept open for another week for its 25-30 homeless users, closing its doors on Monday morning.

The Scrine Foundation is a charity devoted to helping vulnerable or marginalised people. It also runs a centre in Canterbury.

The bishop said he was "deeply concerned" that the shelter was temporary and called for a permanent one to be established.

He said: "Cliftonville in Margate remains a pocket of deprivation hidden, and largely unknown, within the apparently affluent South East region of the world's fourth largest economy. There are people there who are homeless and in need, particularly at times like Christmas.

"This is all at the cutting edge of what it means to love our neighbours as ourselves, whether they have a house or whether they are homeless."

He said he supported the foundation's work and hoped that local authorities, church groups and individuals could come together to work towards a permanent shelter.

He added: "Christ was born in a stable because there was no room for him in the inn. Let's hope that such experiences become a thing of the past – in Margate and elsewhere too."

Jason Walker, who runs the Cliftonville centre, said: "Every year we have different numbers of users here at the shelter, this year it has been about 25 people a night.

"They spoke to the Bishop Stephen when he visited and asked him to see if they could have another week and were very pleased and grateful to him."

He said the centre also helped people in temporary accommodation as they await council housing. The Scrine Foundation also runs a permanent day centre at the Cliftonville site, which is used by around 35 people every day.

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Recycling is blue

MEDWAY Council is stepping up its campaign to get residents to recycle their household waste.

As of January 25, the authority will no longer be providing black bags and will instead be distributing more blue recycling bags.

It is part of the Think Blue, Not Black campaign, which also aims to raise awareness about the amount of recyclable rubbish that ends up in landfills.

Nearly 70 per cent of rubbish currently sent to landfill sites could be recycled or composted.

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Tom Bonner, of Darenth Hill near Dartford, sold a 19-year-old horse to BBC reporters claiming it was just nine-years-old.

Bonner was eventually found guilty of eight counts of making false trade descriptions to buyers and is now awaiting sentence.

His case was heard at Dartford magistrates' court and Gravesend county court.

It came as a result of a BBC South East Today exposé in autumn 2005, which was prompted by complaints to the programme from disgruntled customers of Bonner's.

Pedigree stolen

POLICE are appealing for information after a cocker spaniel was taken from the back garden of a house in Lenham.

The 12-year-old dog, which could be used for breeding and is worth around £1,000, was taken from a locked kennels in the garden.

Police said the padlock was forced sometime between 8.15am and 6pm on January 12.

The spaniel is called Mush and is entirely black, except for a small white mark on its chest.

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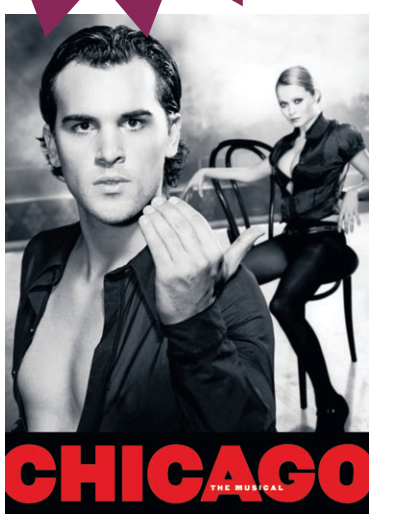
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Despite the possibility of a £60 fine and three points on their driving licence, many motorists in Kent are still breaking the law by using a hand held mobile when driving.

Between the 27th of February 2007, when the increased penalty of three points and a £60 fine was brought in, and the 30th of November 2007, Kent Police issued 3,192 penalty notices to motorists for using a hand held mobile phone while driving.



The message from Kent Highway Services is that all drivers should switch off their phones before they start a journey. This eliminates any possibility of being distracted from concentrating on the road by an incoming call or a text message. You may be dying to make or take that call, but is it really worth dying for? Voicemail can be a lifesaver.

Handsfree mobile phone kits may be legal to use when behind the wheel but are they much safer than using a hand held mobile?

There is evidence to suggest that using a handsfree mobile phone kit while driving is as dangerous as drink driving.

Research carried out by the Transport Research Laboratory (TRL) for Direct Line Insurance shows that when a driver uses a hands free mobile phone while driving, their ability to drive is impaired more so than if they were driving at the UK's legal alcohol limit (80mg/100ml).

The findings have led to FirstGroup, one of the largest transport companies, enforcing a ban on its 135,000 employees from using a hands-free mobile phone device when driving.

The research by TRL shows that, whilst not illegal, using a hands-free kit is no more acceptable than drink driving.

Although it isn't against the law to use a mobile hands free kit, motorists can still be prosecuted if police judge that the driver was not in proper control of the vehicle. The penalties are the same as using a hand held phone - £60 fine and three points on your licence.

In any incident or crash, the use of any phone could be justification for the charges of careless or dangerous driving. The penalties on conviction for such offences include heavy fines, endorsement, disqualification and, in serious cases, imprisonment. Courts are taking a serious view in such cases.

Mobile phones are often sold with in-car kits to enable hands-free use. This creates a false impression that this is somehow safer and therefore more acceptable. The research by TRL shows that, whilst not illegal, using a hands-free kit is no more acceptable than drink driving.

Talking on a mobile phone is different to having a conversation with a passenger. A passenger is aware of the drivers surroundings and will soon stop the conversation when the driver needs to negotiate a potential hazard such as a busy junction. This isn't the case with someone on the other end of the phone as they are not present in the vehicle. They could continue talking and therefore prove a distraction to a driver at a crucial moment.

Using a mobile phone can double the time it takes a driver to react to a situation. One brief moment checking a mobile while driving could be the difference between



seeing the car ahead breaking or a child running into the road. It's quite simple – the road deserves your full attention at all times.

Steve Horton from the Kent Highways Road Safety Team says: "The effect it has on your concentration levels makes it unsafe to use a mobile phone whilst driving, hand-held or hands-free. The safest thing to do is to switch off your phone before beginning a journey and to ensure your voicemail service is on for people to leave messages. If you need to make a call or are expecting to be contacted by work, friends or relatives, then make regular stops, in a safe place, and with your engine switched off."

Motorists who continue to break the law by using a hand held mobile while driving have a good chance of being caught by Kent Police as many patrols across the county now involve unmarked cars.



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Sad story of the internet movie

By **PHIL REILLY**
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WHEN actress Posy Miller was staring into the lens of a video camera for a scene she thought would never be broadcast, she had no idea it would be her final performance.

The 31-year-old was five months pregnant with her first son when she was struck down with a previously undiagnosed case of acute leukaemia and died on Christmas Eve, 2002.

She had been filming a fictional video diary for producer Guy Rowland, from Tonbridge, which he was pitching to television executives in the hope of having a series commissioned.

When Mr Rowland showed the footage to Posy's friends and parents they told him it was the stage actress' best-recorded performance, and he was inspired to create a film around the scenes.

Five years on, Sam Jackson's Secret Video Diary has finally been released. It is the first fictional film to start principal shooting after the death of its main star.

Mr Rowland, 39, described the process as "an extraordinary experience".

He said: "We've broken every rule when it comes to filmmaking.

Inspired

"I got to know Posy very well as we were making the video diary and I was totally devastated when she died.

"We had asked her to do it in secret because we wanted it all to appear real, so her parents and friends had no idea.

"It was only after meeting them at her funeral, showing them the footage and seeing their reactions that I was inspired to make the film."

Mr Rowland then spent the next year writing a script that fleshed out characters mentioned in Posy's monologues. The plot sees Posy go missing, leaving only the diary entries behind.

He then assembled a cast, including several actor friends of Posy's, and began shooting, but an unexpected legal problem left the project on the backburner.

Posy's scenes had never been intended to be broadcast and many featured background music that Mr Rowland had no permission to use.

Finally, all the necessary permissions were received and tracks by Radiohead, Robbie Williams and Nelly Furtado were cleared for use.

In the meantime, the film had been included in the Raindance Film Festival in London in 2005, where it was nominated for a British Independent Film Award.

Given the length of time between the nomination and the music clearance, Mr Rowland struggled to get it distributed, prompting him to find a novel way to release it.

Inspired by Radiohead's 'pay what you like' online release of hit album In Rainbows, the film is now available on the internet.

It was released on December 28, just over five years after Posy's death, and people can pay whatever they feel is a fair price for it.

The average customer has so far paid £5, with 20 per cent of each download going to a leukaemia or missing persons charity.

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TRAGIC: Producer Guy Rowlands, and Posy Miller in the diary film

City's hotels bedding in

CANTERBURY hotels enjoyed a surge in overnight stays last year, a new survey claims.

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ATTRACTIVE 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 **TXT P**

HI, I'm Paula, 38, 5'2", with a good nature, looking for fun and someone to go out and have a laugh with. Box 435324 **TXT**

BLACK female, 38, 5ft2, have children, like nights out and cosy nights in, seeking someone to have a laugh with. Box 435423 **TXT**

HONEST, caring lady, attractive, from Tunbridge Wells, 37, hazel eyes, curvy, 5ft6, with a GSOH, many interests, clubs, cooking, cosy nights. Looking for stocky male, 35-45. Box 424364 **TXT P**

FUN-LOVING, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378 **TXT P**

LOOKING for a prince to rescue this princess! Young looking, 43, with sexy eyes and dark long hair, very much in need of TLC! Box 904105 **TXT P**

GENUINE, caring, honest female, 41, 5'8", medium build, dark hair, blue-green eyes, N/S, likes night in/out, cinema, seeks honest male, for lasting love, Maidstone area. Box 800308 **TXT**

PETITE, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTM N/S man to share things with. Box 429682 **TXT**

SINCERE, reliable woman, 43, long blonde hair, blue eyes, community worker, loves horse riding, travelling, cooking, looking for my soul mate. Box 428689 **TXT**

PLEASANT female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, wining, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429071 **TXT**

45 year old female, has 2 dogs, works full time, likes horse riding, gardening, walks, socialising, enjoys eating out, cinema, good conversation. Box 435464

ROMANTIC woman, 45, likes the good things in life, WLTM a special, good-looking man to complete the jigsaw. Box 434511

44YR old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim/medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone. Box 413448 **TXT**

ROMANTIC female, 46, 5ft2, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes walks on the beach, theatre, music, seeking friendship, maybe more, with someone, 45-55. Ashford. Box 435456 **TXT**

BLONDE haired, attractive female, 46, 5ft4, slim, GSOH, seeking good-looking, slim, kind, trendy male, 35-45, with a GSOH, and fantastic personality. Sheerness. Box 432618 **TXT**

SINCERITY, honesty, and intelligence, is that just too much to ask for? With a hint of cheekiness, I'm 46 from the Maidstone area. Box 156956 **TXT P**

BUBBLY, caring, single mum, 46, WLTM nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829

YOUNG-LOOKING, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428833 **TXT**

HI, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTM compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992 **TXT**

48YR old, 5'5", dark hair, hazel eyes, likes dancing, music, cinema, days/nights out, would like to share some good times & fun. Box 901027 **TXT P**

YOUNG-AT-HEART female, 48, medium build, 5ft2, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests. Box 435098 **TXT**

GENUINE, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover. Box 435441 **TXT**

LOVING and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909974 **TXT**

SLIM female, 51, long dark brown hair, brown eyes, 5ft6, well groomed, very easygoing and tactile, GSOH, enjoys socialising, nights in/out, eating out, cinema walks. Box 434052 **TXT**

LOYAL, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585 **TXT**

SUE, 51, slim, blue eyes, brunette, ladies hairdresser, looking for someone special. How about you? Box 431904 **TXT**

SPORTY female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTM fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10"+, to share life. Box 165367 **TXT**

LIVELY, understanding female, 51, large build, WLTM genuine, loving male, 46-58, for lasting, loving relationship. Faversham. Box 399271 **TXT**

LONELY, honest lady, 52, enjoy walks, cycling, travel, WLTM sociable gent to share interests and possibly leading to LTR. Box 399420 **TXT**

BRIGHT, bubbly lady, 52, 5'4", blonde hair, recently divorced, own home and car, enjoy cinema, eating out, drinks, looking for companionship and friendship. Box 419966 **TXT**

MODERN, professional, classy, loyal female, early 50s, 5'4", blonde hair, medium build, enjoys countryside, WLTM gent, 45-58, smart appearance, for friendship, possible relationship. Box 825500 **TXT**

54YR female, enjoys home life, going out, pubs, theatre, music, wishing to meet an understanding man, 45-60, to share the good and bad things in life. Box 435468 **TXT**

SPONTANEOUS, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854 **TXT**

ATTRACTIVE, homely, caring 55yr old lady, 5'2", slim/medium build, GSOH, good conversationalist, looking for special person to share life's ups and downs with. Faversham. Box 406928 **TXT**

YOUNG, 57yr old modern female widow, slim, enjoys nights in/out, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection and TLC. Box 920739 **TXT**

56YR old lady, well-built, 5'5", N/S, GSOH, funny nature, like films, theatre, eating out, WLTM N/S man, 56-60ish, to make her laugh again. Medway/Maidstone area. Box 412127 **TXT**

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY female, 57, likes nice walks, pubs/clubs, quite nights in, loves children and animals, seeking an honest, caring man. Box 435308 **TXT P**

DIVORCED female, 50s, 5ft4, own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more. Box 434901 **TXT**

FUN loving, bubbly, tactile lady, 50s, enjoys the good life, holidays and cosy nights in, I'm voluptuous & looking for a real man. Box 903560 **TXT P**

YOUNG-AT-HEART, lively, sociable lady, 56, 5'6", blue eyes, blonde, GSOH, WLTM understanding, down-to-earth gent, for company, maybe romance. Box 403745 **TXT**

CLASSY, intelligent, divorced, attractive lady, 59, slim & active; enjoys travel, walking holidays, sport, gardening. WLTM sincere, intelligent gentleman initially for friendship, maybe more. Box 910138 **TXT**

SPIRITUALLY minded, slim lady, young 58yrs, looking for someone special to enjoy the normal things in life with, are there any gentlemen left? Box 907723 **TXT**

BRUNETTE female, 59, N/S, 5ft5, hazel eyes, slim/medium build, enjoys meals out, occasional drinks, gardening, music, keeping fit, days out at the coast, seeking friendship/more. Box 434895 **TXT**

YOUNG 61 year old, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, very happy-go-lucky, likes dancing, walks, eating in/out. I'm very adaptable, looking for a LTR. Margate. Box 434424 **TXT**

BRUNETTE lady, 61, looking for a LTR, friendship first, any age considered. Interests: dancing walking, socialising, cuddling! Margate. Box 432246 **TXT**

WIDOWED woman, 61, no ties, positive outlook, kind nature with GSOH, like the usual things and would like to find a male counterpart. Box 431210

SOLVENT, cuddly female, 59, 5'1", love the countryside, foreign travel, seeks happy, solvent male, 50s-62, for affection and TLC. Box 394179 **TXT**

USEFUL, intelligent, caring female, 62, young looking/acting, like walks, music, cooking, seeking sensitive, caring, uncomplicated male, N/S, perhaps a dog owner, for friendship first. Box 434345 **TXT**

DIVORCED lady, 61, N/S, medium build, loves movies, classic music, comedy, restaurants, cooking, gardening, reading, driving, seeks tactile man, for something special. Box 424898 **TXT**

CUDDLY, loving lady, 64, who loves nice conversations, staying in, wining/dining, loves animals, gardening, WLTM considerate, faithful gent for companionship. Box 427579 **TXT**

KIND-HEARTED, 64yr old lady, looking for genuine, down-2-earth male to share the simple things in life and enjoy life with. Ramsgate. Box 410983 **TXT**

CARING, loyal and young-at-heart lady, 65, 5ft, blonde hair, looking for someone nice, friendly, who likes eating out, restaurants, holidays, for company. Box 899242



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BUBBLY female, 71, 5ft9, blonde, medium build, OHAC, GSOH, love most things in life, live in New Romney. Box 434390 **TXT**

Women for women

ATTRACTIVE, feminine female, 37, petite, professional, thoughtful, witty, enjoys socialising, travel, dancing, seeks similar, genuine female, for friendship/relationship. Rochester. Box 411186

CUDDLY, buxom female, 46, blue eyes, very feminine, loves music, animals, reading, writing, stars, very genuine, meals in/out, seeking boyish female, who's loving, caring. Box 433152 **TXT**

CAPRICORN female, 48, 5ft7, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, caring, animal lover, into DIY, sports, reading, WLTM someone in Maidstone area. Box 434547 **TXT**

SOCIABLE Sagittarian, buxom 52 year old brunette, likes music, dancing, eating out, seeking like-minded buxom female, for fun, more. Box 435191 **TXT**



MEN for WOMEN

OUTGOING Asian male, 23, 5'3", like cinema, eating out, sports, WLTM a special female to share outings with. Box 435284 **TXT**

SOCIABLE male, 27, 5ft9, dark hair/eyes, slim, likes cinema, football, pubs/clubs, going out to various places. Box 435194 **TXT**

CARE assistant, male, 30, hazel eyes/brown hair, I enjoy nights in/out. WLTM nice girl, similar age, for fun, friendship, maybe more. Canterbury. Box 423431 **TXT P**

ATTRACTIVE guy, 34, 5ft10, slim, brown hair/blue eyes. I work hard and I'm looking for a nice lady to spend time with. Rochester. Box 428758 **TXT P**

LOVING male, 33, 6ft, fair hair/blue eyes, slim. I like cinema, theatre, meals out, cosy nights in with a take away, keeping fit. Box 428767 **TXT P**

34YR old young-looking, shy at first male, 5'9", medium build, enjoy life to the full, seeking that special someone to share good moments with. Box 435061 **TXT**

FRIENDLY male, 36 years old, 6ft2, dark hair, likes running. Divorced dad of 2, seeking someone special. Box 434712 **TXT**

ATTRACTIVE, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, from East Kent, many interests, it's about who you're with, not what you're doing. Box 423435 **TXT**

36YR old honest, kind, caring, single male, blond hair, 6ft, like walks, cinema, nights in/out, enjoy family life, WLTM like-minded, genuine female. Box 430440 **TXT P**

CREATIVE male, 35, 6ft, slim, dark hair/eyes, loves music, travel, history, socialising, cinema, reading etc, seeks laid back, slim, attractive female, 26-35. Whitstable. Box 380976 **TXT P**

GOOD-LOOKING male, 36, short spiky brown hair, likes dancing, socialising, films, WLTM nice, loyal, honest female, 30-42, for a relationship. Maidstone. Box 401597 **TXT P**

EASYGOING, fun guy, 38, 6ft tall, fit, swim and gym, fair, short funky hair with blue eyes, professional worker, seeking a nice female. Box 898289 **TXT P**

JASON, 38, 5ft8, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cycling, seeks genuine female for friendship and good times. Box 433326 **TXT**

ROMANTIC male, 38, 6ft, blue eyes, medium/muscular build, enjoy socialising, cosy nights in, music, looking for a loving, fun-filled female for happiness. Chatham. Box 433795 **TXT**

YOUNG 39-year-old single dad of 2, in south-east Kent, seeking someone 35-50, for fun times. Box 435048 **TXT P**

PETER, 38, 5ft11, slim, enjoys music, cinema, dancing, restaurants, seeking loving female, for friendship leading to more. Chatham. Box 425364 **P**

NICE looking male, 37, slim, likes sports, socialising, most things, seeks dark haired female, 30s with a great personality. Box 807534 **TXT**

SINGLE man, 39, 5'8", medium build, grey/blue eyes, not much hair but cropped. Friendly and approachable a good listener, very loyal and an outgoing personality. Box 897764 **TXT**

FRIENDLY male, 37, enjoys the usual things in life, seeks curvy, nice female, for friendship and more. Box 359467 **TXT**

HI, I'm a down-2-earth male, 40, 5'7", medium build, green eyes, loves outdoors, sports, beach walks etc, WLTM an outgoing female for good times. Box 899004 **TXT**

ATTRACTIVE, independent, professional male, 40, OHAC, loves wining/dining, the sun, holidays, cinema, pubs occasionally, seeking a fun, sincere, loving female, to enjoy each others company. Box 434103 **TXT**

41YR old male, 5'10", GSOH, slim/medium build, short brown hair, WLTM a bubbly female, 25-48, for fun and more. Box 434468 **TXT**

41YR old genuine and understanding male, 5'8", short cropped hair, enjoy sports, life to the full, looking for lady, medium/large, for friendship, possibly more. Box 433635 **TXT**

TONBRIDGE male, 41, 5ft5, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys sports, driving, relaxing nights in, seeking a loyal woman, 36-42, who's caring and fun-loving. Box 435239 **TXT**

THOUGHTFUL male, 41, 6ft, shaved head, blue eyes, medium to stocky build, looking for a caring female to share good times. Box 899053 **TXT P**

40YR old, male, good health, good job/home/car, good friends and family, work hard, like to play when I can, down-to-earth. Box 913490 **TXT P**

EASYGOING male, 40, 6', brown hair/blue eyes, likes pubs, restaurants, animals, laughter. Do you believe there are still some good men out there? Here I am! Box 934739 **TXT**

HELLO you, if you're fed up with looking back at the past and wondering 'oh what if?' I'm 41 and I'm your man! Box 909888 **TXT P**

43 year old male, 5ft6, black hair, brown eyes, fit and healthy, divorced with 2 kids, seeking someone, 25-45, who likes to go out/stay in. Box 435386 **TXT**

WARM, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967 **TXT**

CONFIDENT male, 42, 5'10", nice build, single dad, own home, loves cooking, going out, sports, WLTM someone similar to me. Maidstone. Box 411411 **TXT**

EASY-GOING 43yr old single dad, stocky build, very confident, GSOH, enjoy pubs, meals out, looking for a female to share laughs and outings. Box 435262

SLIM male, 42, 5ft11, genuine, reliable, N/S, likes all the usual things in life, WLTM genuine, down-to-earth lady, for friendship, dates, relationship. Gillingham area. Box 425419 **TXT P**

TALL, fun-loving, good-looking former athlete, 44, lived in USA many years, likes music, sports cars, looking for dark haired or exotic lady, GSOH, for LTR.Ashford. Box 430121 **TXT**

YOUNG-AT-HEART 44yr old male, blond hair, blue eyes, easygoing nature, likes eating out, music, cinema etc, WLTM adventurous, witty, fit female for possible LTR. Box 432940 **TXT**

44-YEAR-OLD man, interests include socialising, days out, keeping fit, days out, seeking a caring, honest female, to share fun times. Box 433992 **TXT**

45 year old man, 5ft10, medium build, looking to begin again. I'm romantic, solvent, down-to-earth, enjoy most things in life, seeking a LTR. Chatham. Box 430228 **TXT**

SINCERE family man, 46, 5ft11, blue eyes, bald, no ties, grown up kids, loves cooking, beach walks, seeking similar with good heart, for family life. Box 435207 **TXT P**

ALLAN, 46, 6ft, brown hair, GSOH, likes going out, football, keeping fit, seeks sporty female for friendship and more. Box 434948 **TXT**

CARING, honest male 45, daughter has a disability, enjoys most things in life, seeks kind hearted female, to enjoy life together. Box 401178 **TXT**

BLOND, blue-eyed male, 46, 5ft8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship and more. Box 421664 **TXT**

EASYGOING guy, genuine, 46, 5ft7, slim, hard-working, own home, adventurous, enjoys nights in/out, drives, weekends away, socialising, walks, seeking someone to enjoy life with. Box 435393 **TXT**

YOUNG-AT-HEART male, 47, enjoy my work and keeping fit, looking for affectionate woman for romance. Box 434688 **TXT**

GOOD-LOOKING male, 47, VGSOH, medium build, varied interests, looking for friendship and love with honest, easygoing female with GSOH, kids not a problem. Box 898446

LOYAL, honest male, 48, 5'10", medium build, enjoys DIY, gardening, days out, coast, country pubs, seeks loving female with similar interests, 43-55, slim/medium build. Box 899602 **TXT P**

ORDINARY guy, 49, who likes the simple things in life. I smoke and don't drive. Looking for a partner to share things with. Box 901111 **TXT**

48YR old male, hard-working, 6ft1, genuine, likes car restoration, DIY, gardening, holidays, seeking someone sensible, up to 48. Box 435474 **TXT**

49YR old easygoing, laid-back male, 6ft3, short brown hair, blue eyes, likes cinema, theatre, restaurants, travel, long walks, seeking 40-46yr old female. Medway. Box 902387 **TXT**

ATTRACTIVE, 6ft, fair-haired, blue-eyed male, 51, looking for an attractive feminine woman, for friendship and if there's chemistry maybe more. I live in Medway. Box 907991 **TXT**

YOUNG 51, good-looking, young-looking, N/S, GSOH, fit, slim, romantic, solvent, caring, likes most things in life; food/wine etc, seeking genuine lady to share life with. Box 434593 **TXT**

OPEN-MINDED guy, 50s, attractive, GSOH, likes clubs/pubs, dining out, own home/car/horse, varied interests, seeking slim/medium built female, under 50, with a GSOH. Folkestone area. Box 433274 **TXT**

FUN-LOVING male, 52, likes going out, playing golf, motor cycles, socialising, visiting new places, WLTM an interesting female. Box 427713 **TXT**

COUNTRY loving fella, 51, a widower, medium build/height, and a GSOH. I love animals and have 1 dog. I like walks, and meals out. Box 427761 **TXT**

LOYAL, honest male, 55, 5'11", blue eyes. divorced, enjoys walks, eating out/in, cinema, shopping etc, seeks lady 40-50, GSOH, for romance and love. Box 410846 **TXT**

ALAN, 53yr old widower, medium build, own home/car, would like to meet sincere, genuine woman, interested in gardening, motorbikes, pubs/social drinking. Box 900317 **TXT**

YOUNG 53, 5ft9, likes pubs, restaurants, wine bars, various music, walks, seeking friendship, maybe leading to more. Sittingbourne. Box 429265 **TXT**

OLD fashioned, traditional male, loyal, honest, 55, 5ft10, grown up kids, likes the coast, country walks, car fairs, various music, dining in or out,. Box 431482 **TXT**

GARY, 55 years old, 6'3", large build, ex doorman, solvent, looking for someone to love and to have fun times with. Box 900009 **TXT P**

56 year old man, over 6ft, heavy build, enjoy watching all kinds of sports and socialising, live in Ashford. Box 435364 **TXT**

POSITIVE, retired male, 54, tall, fair hair, blue eyes, smart dresser, GSOH, easy to get on with, many interests, WLTM honest, open female, GSOH. Kent. Box 338686 **TXT**

LOOKING for an extrovert, attractive female, 30-50, with a passion for tactile, hungry meetings. I'm 56 and can't wait to hear your voice! Box 429567 **TXT**

YOUNG 50s male, solvent, retired, would love to meet a lovely lady, for travel, interesting outings and mutual friendship. Box 427700 **TXT**

SIMPLE, laid-back, happy go lucky male, 56, GSOH, like most things in life, WLTM a fun female to share good things in life. Ashford. Box 419677 **TXT**

KENT male, 5ft10, 58, slim. I love jazz, art galleries, theatre, cinema. I'm looking for someone 35-50 ish, who enjoys the same things. Box 430925 **TXT**

MARGATE male, youthful 67, 5ft8, hazel eyes, likes country pubs, music, sports, dancing, good food, lots of TLC to give, seeking honest, slimmish lady. Box 429328 **TXT**

Men for men

MIXED race male, 34, 5'11", average build, like going out, sports etc. looking for fun, friendship, maybe more with younger guy. Ashford/surrounding area. Box 900477 **TXT**

36YR old man, 5ft10, blue eyes, shaved head, enjoys pubs, clubs, staying in, looking for a loyal male, to have fun times with. Box 430380

I'M Paul, 40, genuine, down-2-earth, 5'9", GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, average build, likes movies, DIY, theatre, keeping fit, travelling, looking for young male, non-smoker. Box 423252 **TXT P**

41 year old male, likes eating in/out, cooking, clubs and pubs, looking for 35-45 year old man Sittingbourne. Box 427705 **TXT**

ROCHESTER male, kind, genuine, 50yrs, likes steam railways, cooking, country walks, history, reading, looking for that someone special. Box 429211 **TXT**

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SINGLE mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Box 406670 **TXT**

CAROLINE, 32, 5ft10, brown hair, likes going out, having fun, cinema, seeks outgoing male for friendship and more. Box 430833 **TXT P**

LOVING, caring, black African female, 33, school teacher, WLTM caring, honest, loving, open, professional man, 35-50 with good values in life, for something meaningful. Box 422460 **TXT**

OUTGOING, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107 **TXT P**

MUM of 1, I'm 5ft4, blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old. I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH. I like keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559 **TXT P**

AFRICAN lady, 33, brown eyes, likes socialising, music, pubs, cinema, seeks male for friendship and more. Box 413128 **TXT**

SINGLE parent of 4 kids, 35, 5ft6 and long hair with blue eyes, looking for friendly guy for friendship and maybe more. Box 900447 **TXT**

INDEPENDENT, professional female, 35, 5'7", fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, looking for a like-minded, honest and loyal male to share life with. Box 901771 **TXT P**

DIVORCED, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813930 **TXT P**

MEDWAY female, 36, 5ft8, blue/green eyes, slim, likes dancing, amateur dramatics, walks, much more, looking for someone who could make me laugh, for possible relationship. Box 434372 **TXT P**

36 year old female, divorced with no children, brunette, loves travel, music, cinema, nice meals, theatre, ceroc, salsa, seeking someone for dates and more. Rainham. Box 434374 **TXT**

BLACK female, 38 years old, 5ft2, likes going out, seeking a sociable male, who likes having a laugh. Gillingham. Box 429656 **TXT**

CHATTY female, 36, 5'4", single mum, blonde, slim, likes pubs, clubs, going out, having fun, seeks male, for fun nights out and giggles. Rochester. Box 372889 **TXT P**

KENT female, 39, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 152862 **TXT**

39YR old single mum, own house, 5'7", brown hair, seeking a kind-hearted man for companionship. Box 433637 **TXT**

KIND, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694 **TXT P**

DECENT 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating & having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664 **TXT**

BUBBLY 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTM a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102 **TXT**

DIVORCED, affectionate lady, 40, large build, 5'6", love staying in, cinema, looking for a thoughtful male to share good things in life, leading to LTR. Box 430332 **TXT**

HARD-WORKING female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 **TXT**

DEAL-BASED lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 **TXT P**

KIND, caring, genuine person, 43, love music, outdoors, good conversations, looking for friendship initially and maybe more. Box 898448 **TXT P**



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DEPUTIES: Lady Rosemary Clarke, Brigadier John Meardon and Sir John Mummery

Queen's team given a royal appointment

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THE Kent Lieutenancy, which represents the Queen in the county, has announced that three new members will be joining its ranks.

Lady Rosemary Clarke, of Stone-cum-Ebony, near Tenterden, Brigadier John Meardon, and Sir John Mummery, both from Canterbury, have become Deputy Lieutenants.

Mother-of-three Lady Clarke is married to Anthony Clarke, the Master of the Rolls.

She became a magistrate in 1987 and was then appointed a member of the Independent Monitoring Board of the Blantyre House prison where she remains a trustee of the Vocational Trust.

Lady Clarke is currently involved in a school for girls in Ghana and is a council member of the Pestalozzi Village in Sedlescombe.

Brigadier John Meardon has been the Receiver General of Canterbury Cathedral for 10 years, having retired as Director of Naval Security following a 34-year career with the Royal Marines.

He is chairman of the Royal Marines Association Canterbury Branch, the Canterbury Choral Society, and is also president of the Herne Bay Sea Cadets.

Sir John, from a Dover farming family, has been Lord Justice of Appeal since 1996 having spent 25 years in private practice at Chancery Bar from 1964, four years as Counsel to the Attorney General in Charity Matters, eight years as Junior Counsel to Treasury, six years as Justice of High Court, and three years each as President of Employment Appeal Tribunal and as President of the Inns' Council.

He is a trustee of Wye Rural Museum Trust, and is involved in Advisory and Disciplinary Commissions and Tribunals of Church of England.

Identity

The Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Allan Willett, welcomed the trio, and said: "They are joining a network of fine men and women whose role it is to support the monarchy and celebrate Kent, its unique history and culture, serve its communities – and contribute positively to its future.

"These appointments are important because the modernised Lieutenancy plays a major role as a potent independent force for good in Kent.

"As the monarchy does nationally, our aim is to provide a focus for county identity, unity and pride, give a sense of stability, recognise achievements, success and excellence, and promote service to others."

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Funds boost for disability homes adaptation scheme

DISABLED people in Thanet have been given a £122,000 boost to pay for adaptations for homes.

The money has been given to Thanet District Council through the Government's Disabled Facilities Grants scheme.

The council has now received £600,000 from the Government for 2007-08, and is adding £400,000 from its own budget.

The authority had originally applied for £600,000, but a higher than expected number of applications meant it had been told it would be given £122,000 less.

The Government has since pledged a further £11 million for the scheme, meaning councils like Thanet can get all the money they asked for.

Stephen Ladyman, Labour MP for South Thanet, lobbied ministers to pay out the full amount and was "delighted" they have agreed to do so.

He said: "These grants are not means tested and are for people who have a disability or who are finding it difficult to live independently in their own home.

"By helping them to install easy-access showers or other facilities they can make a huge improvement to someone's quality of life."

Cllr Zita Wiltshire, TDC's cabinet member for housing, welcomed the cash but said the whole scheme was under funded.

She added: "We have done so much to ensure we are putting resources in to try and meet the demand in Thanet, but there is a limit to what we can do. This is a national issue that requires more funding from a national level."

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Show leadership

JUST three weeks into the New Year and we've had enough bad news to last us quite a while – higher energy prices, gloomy house market reports, retailers left with a Christmas hangover, the credit crunch, the bank crisis, the list seems to go on.

After a honeymoon period as prime minister, Gordon Brown looks distinctly haggard as he battles one crisis after another.

Perhaps his Chinese visit might give him a feel-good takeaway. But chancellor Alistair Darling needs to put down clear markers to give confidence he can stabilise an economy threatened by recession. We need strong leadership from him – now.

It's time to act

WHEN a community loses arts and cultural organisations it can be many years before they are replaced.

Because of the spread-out nature of the county there are no huge theatres catering to large audiences, so we rely on smaller venues like the Gulbenkian and Trinity.

It would be a tragedy for them to have to close or scale down their programmes when there is plenty of money in the pot.

New and innovative art forms are to be encouraged, but not at the expense of something as fundamental to our cultural life as the traditional theatre.

In taxing times

PREPARE for another rise in council tax next week. Kent County Council is to announce its budget for the coming year and we've been warned to expect an increase. So expec to hear the usual story about the Government short-changing Kent.

OPINION: Tory leadership failures

Budget priorities are a fight worth having, says Labour's Cllr MIKE EDDY



EVERY February, Kent County Council sets its budget, including the levels of council tax it will take in the coming financial year.

And every year around about now, KCC's Tories say that they are "endeavouring to keep the council tax increase as low as possible", just as KCC's Tory leader, Cllr Paul Carter, did in his recent article for this paper.

Last year, KCC's council tax demand rose by 4.95 per cent, or £45.45 a year for a Band D property. It would probably have gone higher but for the five per cent cap set by the Labour Government. At the same time, KCC's Tories decided to raise charges for social care; to make financial cuts to libraries; to stop plastics recycling. They did manage, though, to find money from somewhere to set up Kent TV. And all the while KCC's leader moaned the Government hadn't given Kent enough money.

Children know when you're about to ask for something big. It helps to say "after all, I have been good".

It's no coincidence Paul Carter wrote an article for this newspaper on January 6 praising KCC's performance a few weeks before the budget papers will be published.

I think council staff do a lot of excellent work across the county, especially front line staff, who often do hard jobs in difficult conditions.

But KCC's Tory leadership really shouldn't grab the credit for their achievements.

Nor should the Tories take credit for things KCC couldn't have done without help from the Labour Government; for example Dartford and Gravesham's successful Fastrack scheme, which was funded substantially by the Government. This is one of many infrastructure developments – like the Channel Tunnel Rail Link – which would be impossible without the Government.

In addition, the Labour Government has offered KCC a three-year provisional funding settlement that is not only above the national average for all councils, but will also enable the council to make use of Government-supported borrowing, for example to fund more transport developments in the county.

For Kent's economy to strengthen and grow, we need people with the right skills. Educational performance in Kent may be good at key stage four, but the vocational training offer is still patchy. In any case, school students are just one piece in the jigsaw.

We need to support adults in developing their skills, including employers and business owners, to enable them to compete nationally and internationally, taking full advantage of Kent's unique links with London and Europe.

And we need to make sure that economic growth is sustainable.

But the Tory leadership of KCC's record on reducing Kent's environmental impact is… rubbish. Lots of rubbish, including plastic you might have been able to recycle this time last year, but that pilot was cut from the 2007-08 budget, giving a measly £30,000 saving.

Road traffic is rising across the South East, but plans made by KCC's Tories like Towards 2010 concentrate on making traffic move faster rather than reducing it. And they don't see the link between environmental and social justice issues.

The Freedom Pass, for example, may get children out of car – if their parents can afford a £50 fee for each pass. What about children from deprived backgrounds? What about looked-after children? KCC won't even pay its own £50 fee for them to access free transport.

We won't find out until later this month what the Tories want to do in the KCC budget 2008-09. On the one hand, we should be feeling optimistic.

In autumn 2007 the Labour Government gave local authorities an outline of the funding available to them for the next three years, so they could make more stable financial plans, and KCC has been offered funding that's above the average for all councils.

On the other hand, KCC's previous record bodes ill for the happiness and prosperity of Kent's taxpayers.

Labour county councillors will demand KCC put more money into vital front line services, while opposing the kind of unjustified spending plans that push Kent's council tax up so high year after year. We are, unfortunately, in a minority in Tory-dominated KCC, so whether we'll meet with much success remains to be seen. But it's a fight worth having.

• Cllr Mike Eddy is leader of the Labour group at Kent County Council.

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BIRTHS

ADAMS
Tommy-lee Adams born on 8th January 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Son to Graham and Tasha of Southborough, and a little brother for Jack.

ALEXANDER
Chloe Louise Alexander born on 29th December 2007, weighing 7lb 14oz. Daughter to Ben Alexander and Louise Homewood in Snodland. Thank you for making us both very happy!

BELL
Clive and Michelle are proud to announce the birth of their son Billy Connor Gerrard Bell, born on the 31st December 2007.

CHIBANDA
Emily and Tawanda are delighted to announce the birth of Gabriel Tawanda Brett Chibanda, our wonderful baby boy born on 21 December 2007 at QEQM Margate.

CLARKE
Phillip and Elizabeth of Aylesham are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Pauline Jeanette, on 2nd January 2007.

COINON
Emily and Stephane of Gravesend celebrate the birth of their daughter Charlotte Emily born on 5th January 2008. Baby sister to Anais.

COLLINS
Sarah and Tony are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Grace Eloise Joyce. Grandchild to Bill and Margaret Kipling and the late Patrick and Joyce Collins.

CRANDLEY
Alfred Charles weighing 9lb 5oz, born on 22nd December 2007 to proud parents Samantha Howland and Richard Crandley.

DOHERTY
James Cambell. Born on the 30th November 2007. Son of Julie Doherty. Little brother for Criston.

FORD
Joshua John Ford born on 8th January 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Son to Colin and Naomi Ford of Eythorne.

GAMLEN
Michelle and Kevin are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful twin girls Bethany Faye and Katie Elise, born on 2nd January 2008 at QEQM. Sisters to Amy, Zoe and Lauren.

GORBUTT
Christopher and Karen Gorbutt of Sevenoaks are proud to announce the birth of their son Charlie James Gorbutt, born 6th January 2008, weighing 9lb 3oz.

GRAY
Diana and Mark of Birchington are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Rihanna Alma Grace, born on Christmas Day 2007. The best present ever.

GUMBRILL
Lee and Katie of Faversham are very proud to announce the birth of their son, Lee Graham-John, on 5th January 2008. A new baby brother for Ella and Harrison.

HADLER
Scarlett born on the 1st January 2008, weighing 7lb 2oz. Daughter to Carl and NiKki Hadler in Dover.

HALL
Cameron Jack Robert Hall born on 7th January 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Son to Helen and Jay and brother to Alfie and Ashton in Ashford.

HINTON-BURT
Amanda and Stephen announce the birth of their son Jacob on 8th December 2007 weighing 7lb 4oz.

HUNSLEY
Ceri Adams and Anthony Hunsley celebrate the birth of their son Ryan James Hunsley on the 30th December 2007.

KEARNEY
Ellis Micheal born on the 12th December 2007, weighing 6lb 10oz. Son to Natasha and Myles Kearney in Dover.

KING
Karl and Lisa King of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Charlie Summer King on 25th December 2007.

McGREGOR
Niamh McGregor born on 1st January 2008 weighing 5lb 15oz. Daughter to Stuart and Emma in Swanscombe.

MITCHELL
Mark and Sharon of Tunbridge Wells are delighted to announce the birth of their son Harry James on 19th December 2007 weighing 6lb 14oz.

MULLIGAN
Isla Kate born on 23rd December 2007, weighing 7lb 6oz. Daughter to Peter and Hayley Mulligan of East Grinstead.

NEVIANI
Harley Neviani born on the 12th December 2007, weighing 5lb 7oz. Son to Charlene and Steve Neviani in Ashford. He is the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

REEVE
Stephen and Vanessa of Birchington celebrate the birth of their son Louis Stephen on 2nd January 2008, weighing 8lb 1oz. A welcome brother to Rebecca and Charlotte.

REEVES
Laura and Jason Reeves of Cranbrook celebrate the birth of their daughter Scarlet Hope on 31st December 2007.

ROWE
Michelle and Shane of Broadstairs are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Eden Ellen, born on 4th January 2008 at QEQM. Sister to David, Darren, Chelcie and Jack.

SPICER-HALE
Nick and Anita of Herne Bay are very proud to announce the birth of their son, James Nicholas Spicer-Hale, on 7th December 2007.

TOMPKINS
James and Sue of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Charley Emma-Anne Tompkins, on 9th December 2007.

TOSUNLAR
Jane and Fevzi Tosunlar celebrate the birth of their daughter Ruby on the 22nd December 2007.

TRINDER
Lisa and Mark of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Elliot Mark Trinder on 30th December 2007.

WHELAN
Helen and Philip of Margate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Luke Francis Barry, born on 15th December 2007 at QEQM.

DEATHS

BARCLAY
Michael David of Tonbridge passed away peacefully after a short illness on 15th January 2008. A loving husband, father and Grandfather (Pops) will be sadly missed. Family flowers only. All donations to MND. Enquiries to Boormans Funeral Directors at Tonbridge.

COCKSEDGE
Tracey Cocksedge of High Halstow passed away peacefully after a long illness on 9th January 2008, aged 39. Funeral service at The Garden of England Crematorium, Bobbing, on 22nd January at 11am.

CUTTING
Ian Mark passed away suddenly on 31st December 2007 aged 47. A loved one is not gone, until they are forgotten! And to live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever. Greatly missed by his wife Fiona and beloved daughter Niamh.

DEVALL
May Ethel Devall of Hextable, formerly of Bermondsey, passed away peacefully on 10th January 2008, aged 93. All enquiries to Albins Funeral Directors of Bermondsey.

FRANKLIN
Carole Ann Franklin of Chart Sutton passed away peacefully on 8th January 2008 aged 62years. Funeral Service at 1.15pm at Vinters Crematorium Maidstone.

GAMBRELL
Esmie Doreen Gambrell died 16th December 2006. Last known address would have been Tickenhurst Farm Eastry near Sandwich. Contact Martin Watts at Brambledown, Lower Street, Tillmanstone, near Deal CT14 0JD.

GREEN
Elizabeth May died peacefully on 5th January 2008. Enquiries to Clare Savory Wallside House 12 Mount Ephraim Road Tunbridge Wells 01892 515121.

LEMAN
Alfred Leman of Ramsgate died peacefully on 4th January 2008.Funeral Service at Thanet Crematorium at 12.00pm on 25th January 2008. To live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever.

LOVERING
Paul Alan of East Malling passed away on 9th January at the Heart of Kent Hospice. Enquiries to Viners of West Malling 01732 842485.

MORRIS
Harry Morris formerly of Northfleet passed away on 5th January 2008. Enquiries to A.W. Court, Grafty Green 01622 850840.

PIKE
It is with great sadness that we announce that George of Herne Bay passed away peacefully on 11th January 2008 He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends Funeral details from A Welch and Sons of Herne Bay Flowers or Donations to League of friends Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital Herne Bay.

PIPE
Mona Agnes Pipe of Benover, Yalding, widow of Cable, died peacefully at home on 8th January 2008, aged 98.

TOMSETT
Derek Ivor Tomsett of Stockbury passed away peacefully at home on 30th December 2007, aged 82.

WEBB
The life of Harriet Jessie Webb beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother will be celebrated at St Albans Church St Albans Road Dartford at 11am Tuesday 29th January 2008. Flowers will be welcome for the decoration of the Church.

What a waste of money

Here is an open letter to Paul Carter, the leader of Kent County Council:

In the latest edition of Around Kent, the KCC publication, you ask people to email you with their views.

I would like to take this opportunity to say I think it is a dreadful waste of money that is being spent by your administration on publicity, particularly the millions that have gone into the internet TV channel.

A whole page of this expensive paper has been given to Bob Geldof, the multi-millionaire, who has benefited from Kent taxpayers in the running of this TV channel, to say how wonderful he thinks Kent is.

You should bear in mind that you have a high level of elderly and poor people in Kent that could have done with some of these millions being spent on improving their lives.

I am sure the thousands of poor and elderly across Kent, who have no access to the internet, and despise the expenditure on your glossy self publicity will agree with me.

Anne Belworthy
Secretary
East Kent Associations of Senior Citizens Forums

Police authority vow to keep up the good work for Kent

I was pleased to see your police authority article in last week's newspaper, I thought the piece was challenging but fair and I welcome media coverage for the police authority whose work is often, not surprisingly, overshadowed by coverage of the consistently impressive operational work undertaken by Kent's police force.

I would, however, just like to clarify a few small points for your readers. Last week's article highlighted the authority's expenditure on printing and stationery and transport, at £96,000 and £39,000 respectively.

When the totals are aggregated up to this level I can understand why that might raise some eyebrows. The £96,000 on printing includes the costs associated with producing two publications – the Policing Kent and Policing Plan magazines that are distributed to approximately 95 per cent of households in Kent and Medway.

The authority is statutorily bound to produce and circulate these magazines and has consistently received really positive feedback from the public.

Our transport costs include all travel expenses for two sizeable groups of independent volunteers who provide feedback to Kent Police through a variety of consultation mechanisms and visit custody cells across the county – again these activities form part of a police authority's legal responsibilities.

Finally, I can reassure the Taxpayers' Alliance that the Kent Police Authority is far from smug and certainly won't be resting on our laurels. Your article quoted the police authority chair directly who reiterated that we will continue to aim for further improvement and strive to remain at the forefront.

Mark Gilmartin
Chief Executive
Kent Police Authority

Salary's too generous

I read your article on the Kent Police Authority with interest, but was surprised to see that the average salary was in the region of £49,000 plus expenses.

Does seem a little generous or am I being a miserable old pensioner?

GM Steeves
Canterbury

EU is to blame again

Everyone in the country, young and old, is up in arms about the closure of our post offices, and quite rightly.

We have had a monopoly on our mail services for many years, but now we are a member of the European Union we have to abide by EU directives.

Our government has transferred control of our post offices to the European Union – by the use of EU Directive 97/67/EC – so all petitions by the public and politicians unfortunately are a waste of time.

The closing of post offices was designed to facilitate the opening up of our mail services to European competitors.

When you consider just what the Government has done to close down our post offices by replacing the pension book, withdrawing certain benefit payments, TV licences, water bills and other household bills, it gives a reason for the post office closures and why they are ignoring all requests and petitions to keep the post offices open.

We would save £25 billion if we were not in the EU and would avoid European competitors making a bid for our treasured mail services.

Tom Foley
Orpington

He's no Republican

Sir Robert Worcester said in last week's opinion "the Republican race is a muddle, there is no obvious candidate. McCain is too old; Romney too slick; Edwards too southern and Huckabee too right wing".

Edwards may be Southern, but last I checked is was not a Republican – but in this election apparently about change, perhaps Sir Robert knows something us Americans do not.

Roy Beagley
Connecticut

Trains transparency

How right you were to criticise a rail company for its lack of transparency when it comes to financial affairs.

Nationally these 'private' rail companies scoff £87 million pounds a week in subsidies.

As we taxpayers are footing a large bill, is it not right to know how this money is spent?

Rail passenger miles equate to less than 10 per cent of total passenger travel miles in this country, so we are all paying high taxes for something most of us never use.

Terry Hudson
Herne Bay

Going nuclear at Ukip

Nigel Farage MEP shows just how out of touch he is by claiming that new coal and nuclear stations would stop the Romney Marsh and Thanet windfarms.

The former is already being built and both, along with all the others, will be supplying clean green energy long before any new power stations could come on stream, if they ever do.

He also seems to imply windfarms are not as entertaining as the proposed plants. Well if juggling dirty lumps of coal and swinging nuclear fuel rods is his thing, then so be it.

However, it is his and the Government's insistence on forcing the rest of us to accept such plants that is both wrong-headed and unnecessary.

Denmark has fulfilled its plans on wind energy and is quite happy to export the surplus to help elsewhere.

Electricity storage has also basically been solved, just requiring investment to develop the technology.

As regards coal stations, they would still emit over 8.4m tonnes of CO2 per station, per year despite the small improvements. Carbon capture tech for them is still years away and expensive. Further, Prof James Hanson the leading US climate scientist, recently took the near unprecedented step of writing to Gordon Brown to warn him off any new stations due to the risks.

As for nuclear, the new stations would not be ready in time to help with the climate change that is already happening or the oil price rises.

The downsides of such technology includes the ongoing bankruptcy of the industry; British Energy bailed out with £3 billion already and despite ministerial denials, we would likely end up paying for the new build as well. Think Northern Rock.

Ray Duff
Folkestone

John Bull's fair deal

Old John Bull was about to get his pot of gold.

After 47 years of toil, paying loads of tax and national insurance, with not a day on the dole, he was about to get his state pension of £87 per week (one of the lowest rates in the EU some ungrateful person said).

But at least Gordon the grabber had pledged an annual increase – even if the so-called official inflation figures bore no resemblance to reality.

The leader of Kent County Council, Paul Carter, a politician, a property developer and servant of the people, had told Old JB that his council tax would have to go up yet again this year – well in excess of his pension increase.

Spin City's chief executive, another servant of the people (salary £100,000 plus expenses annually) would have told Old JB the same had he not been on gardening leave for over a year.

Still, no doubt there will shortly be a great deal of hand-wringing from the politicians of Spin City who will give us the good news (remember the 'good news budget' before?) about our tax increase.

In Parliament our worthy MPs, our elected representatives and servants of the people (£60,000 salary, £120,000 expenses annually plus platinum plated pension) seem more intent on voting themselves further salary and expenses increases than worrying about the plight of Old JB and the others at the bottom of the pile.

Old JB had to laugh – the candidates for MP were scratching each others eyes out and kissing babies' bottoms to become selected and elected, and yet as soon as they get their feet under the table they moan they are underpaid.

If only the electorate could determine their remuneration. What a grasping bunch they are. If the pay was so poor, how comes so many will go to almost any lengths to snatch the seats of so few?

Old JB could only marvel at the greedy, grasping ways of his servants and betters. When will the gravy train ever end?

When will the taxpayers, pensioners and those at the bottom of the pile ever get a fair deal?

John Bonney
Rodmersham Green

On a train to nowhere

Eurostar may not be giving out statistics on Ebbsfleet, but I can tell you that our son recently took the train from Nottingham to Brussels, and reported that only one person got on the Brussels train the day he was travelling.

There are also many people that we know who are making alternate transportation plans since Ashford closed down its Brussels train, all of which are not good for the environment, but are actually better environmentally than going to Ebbsfleet.

Jackie Oliver
Canterbury

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Dance classes that come with a twist

POLE dancing lessons are being offered by a dance school – with the promise of a toned body and better heart muscles.

Jo Roper runs the Goddess School of Pole Dancing in Maidstone.

She said: "I set up in 2003 and am now the county's leading pole and exotic dance school.

"It develops the body tone and shape and improves flexibility, but most of all it's fun,"

She has performed on Channel 5's Trisha Goddard Show and at the London launch of the Pole Dance Federation.

She said: "The main focus of cardio-striptease has always been to increase women's self-esteem and body confidence. All the courses are developed with this aim in mind."

Classes are offered at venues in Maidstone, Canterbury and Tunbridge Wells, with new beginner classes starting this month.

For details visit www.cardiostriptease.co.uk or ring Jo on 01622 763965.

Creating the next generation of MDs

FOR a few lucky applicants, graduate training with Kent County Council could be the launch pad to a high-powered career.

The council is looking to take on an around 12 graduates this year; six for its management training, three for finance and three for engineering.

The scheme has been running for nine years, and already several trainees have gone on to senior jobs, both within the council and in business.

One has also been snapped up a London borough council to be its head of policy, while several others are now earning £60,000-plus in senior management roles.

Cllr Richard Parry said the "unspoken ambition" of the courses was to "produce the next generation of managing directors" for KCC.

The starting salary is £22,268 and the placements last two years.

The candidates must have graduated with at least a 2:1 from university, and KCC is advertising the scheme in the top 100 universities in the country.

By PHIL REILLY
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Cllr Parry said: "It is a highly successful vehicle for young people wishing to have a successful career in a very successful authority.

"We do have high standards, but you do not necessarily have to have a degree in a certain area to apply.

Motivated

"We are looking for people who have studied in a discipline that teaches the graduate to think with an ability to look at problems and solve them.

"Obviously, you have to be numerate to be in finance, but you don't have to have an accountancy degree."

Mr Parry claimed that around two-thirds of trainees stay to work at the council after they finish their training.

The courses have attracted a large number of applicants from the University of Kent in the past, and Mr Parry said this may be because people who have studied in the county develop an affinity with it.

He added: "If you are going to work for KCC we want people who are highly motivated and highly skilled and have an ethos of serving the citizens of Kent. Perhaps that gives people educated in Kent an advantage."

The scheme involves four six-month placements, giving trainees the opportunity to work at a senior level of different countywide projects.

In the finance and engineering courses, trainees will work towards industry accredited qualifications as well as gaining vital practical experience.

The application process opens in June and the placements start in October, although potential trainees are urged to register their interest now. To do so, visit www.kent.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers/jobs/kent-graduate-programme/.

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Course is picture perfect

A NEW degree course in photography is being launched in Broadstairs.

Canterbury Christ Church University says the BA (Hons) degree will give students the opportunity to develop practical photographic and imaging skills.

It will also allow them to cultivate their creative and technical abilities to a high level for a career in photography.

They will have access to state-of-the-art facilities, including a specialist digital imaging and processing suite; a well-equipped studio; editing facilities; technical support; and the latest digital single-lens reflex cameras.

For information contact 01227 782900 or admissions@canterbury.ac.uk.

Cube's square deal for adult learners

A DISTINCTIVE new adult education centre has opened for a series of taster courses which are due to start next month.

Students have been sampling what's on offer at The Cube in Tontine Street, Folkestone.

This adult education centre for creative courses was launched for taster sessions last week ahead of courses starting in February.

The building includes three large art studios, a room for fashion and textiles, a bespoke jewellery making and silversmithing workshop, an exhibition gallery, a health and fitness room, plus a café.

All rooms have large windows on at least two sides, some of them floor to ceiling, giving great views of Folkestone and offering natural light in which to work.

It ties in with The Wedge building for Screen South and the regeneration work being done to develop the town's creative quarter.

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If you would like to discuss this post further, please contact Vanessa Spink at KCA Dan House, telephone 01795 590635 or 07921 700585. For an application form contact: KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Telephone 01795 590635, Fax 01795 539351, Email marina@kca.org.uk, website www.kca.org.uk

Closing date: **Friday 25th January 2008**
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REF: 458 - STRUCTURED PSYCHO-SOCIAL INTERVENTIONS SERVICE COUNSELLING CO-ORDINATORS SITTINGBOURNE & ASHFORD (2 POSTS)
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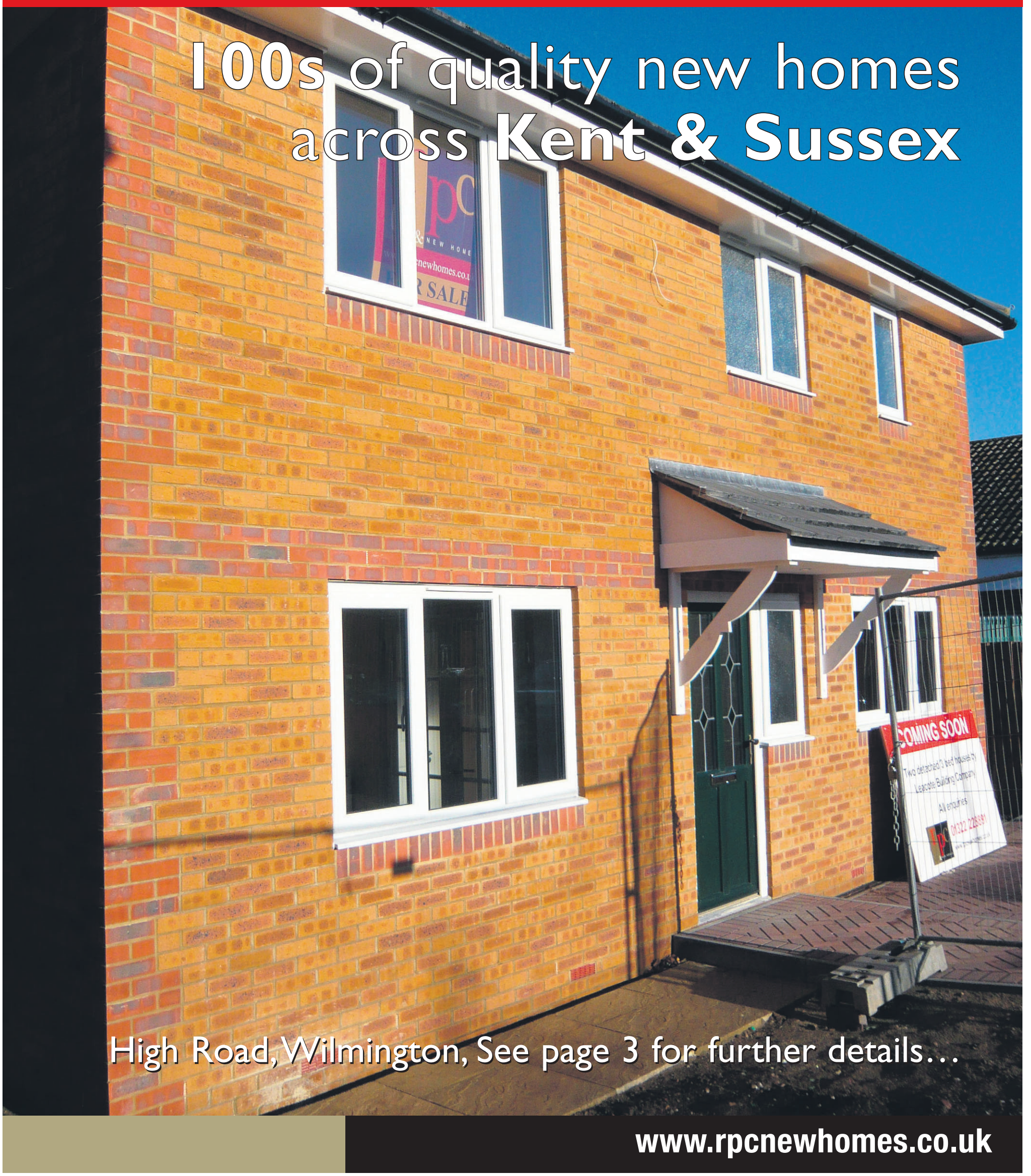
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- High Speed International Rail Link at Ebbsfleet coming 2007
- Excellent shopping facilities at Bluewater and Lakeside
- Grammar Schools
- Thames Gateway Vision of the Future



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Fairfax Court, Mildred Close, Dartford







Only one x 2 bedroom house remaining. Situated close to Bluewater and Dartford town centre, with good road links to A2 and M25. The property has an allocated parking space and private garden to rear. Available for immediate occupation.

£183,000

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Jessamine Terrace, Swanley

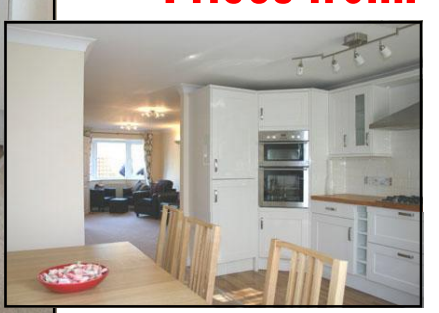




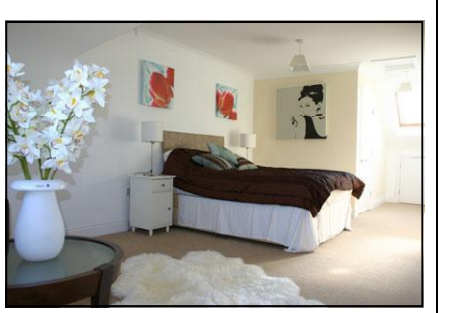
- 3 bedroom townhouses situated in a private road off Birchwood Road
- Fitted kitchen to include oven, 5 burner hob & extractor; fridge/freezer, with dining area
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- Lounge with bay window
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- Family bathroom
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- Rear garden turfed

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Prices from: £279,995







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RPC New Homes are excited to now offer for sale two brand new detached family homes situated in sought after Wilmington.

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Designed with family in mind, when stepping in the front door you will find a spacious and welcoming hall leading you to the contemporary fitted kitchen and dining area. The kitchen is complete with oven, hob and extractor; integrated fridge/freezer; washing machine and dishwasher, the dining area leads out into the garden via patio doors. The lounge runs from the front to the back of the house with patio doors accessing the garden. The gardens are generous proportion and therefore feel an extension of the home. There is also downstairs cloakroom.

Upstairs the landing with feature window continues the family home feel, leading to the 3 bedrooms all of which are of good size, master bedroom to include en-suite shower room. The main bathroom is contemporary with chrome finishing.

Outside to the front are 2 off road block paved parking spaces (per home) together with landscaped area. Price: £320,000.

Viewings are Now available so do not miss the opportunity of seeing these detached properties call : RPC New Homes on 01322 228891 or further details are available on line at: www.rpcnewhomes.co.uk

New for 2008...

Watling Court, Swanscombe

A superb small development of 1 & 2 bed stylish apartments.



- 1 and 2 bed apartments
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- Carpets and vinyl flooring included
- Built in wardrobes to all bedrooms
- Allocated secure parking space
- NHBC warranty
- Estimated completion March 2008

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King & Johnston

Please see editorial on page 4 for further information

5% DEPOSIT PAID*

Highfield Place, West Dartford



Price: £285,000

- 3 bed end of terrace house
- Situated in West Dartford
- Fitted kitchen with integrated appliances and dining area
- Lounge with patio doors leading to turfed rear garden
- Master bedroom with en-suite and built in wardrobes
- Second & third bedroom
- Main bathroom
- Carpets included
- Parking space

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One Bedroom Bungalow

off Main Road, Biggin Hill





£215,000

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- One bedroom detached bungalow
- Situated within a secure gated complex
- Fitted kitchen to include oven, hob & extractor; dishwasher
- Carpets
- Laminate flooring to kitchen and bathroom
- Private garden to front
- Decking to rear garden
- Driveway for one vehicle
- Ready to move into

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2 Bed Apartment

Town Centre, Bexleyheath

- Last remaining
- Very spacious 2 bedroom apartment
- Separate fitted kitchen to include oven, hob & extractor
- Spacious lounge
- Two double bedrooms both with built in wardrobes
- Plenty of storage space
- Carpets included





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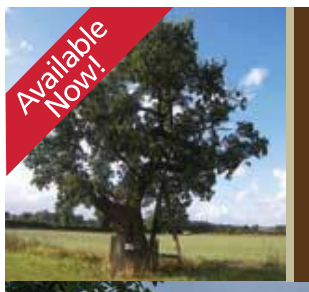
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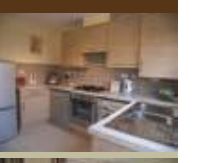
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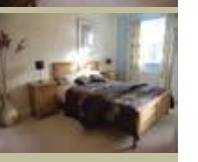
Off Greenland Avenue, Wymondham, Norfolk

A highly successful development offering a selection of 2, 3, 4 and 5 bedroom homes.

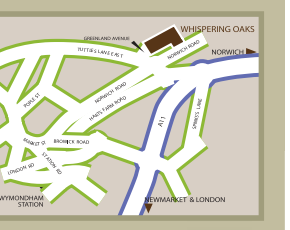








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ARE YOU LOOKING TO TAKE YOUR FIRST STEP ONTO THE PROPERTY LADDER?

OR ARE YOU LOOKING TO MAKE A SOUND INVESTMENT?



If either of the above is your goal for 2008, then RPC New Homes have the ideal apartments for you!

Let us tell you about Watling Court, a development of 4 brand new apartments situated in Church Road, Swanscombe. These 1 and 2 bedroom apartments are being built by King & Johnston Developments Limited and will therefore be of high specification and completed to an exacting standard.

Church Road is easily accessible to the local amenities found in Swanscombe high street together with the local train station providing good links to London and the Kent coast. Also, with the re-generation currently ongoing in and around the area, these apartments are well placed to take full advantage of the new services offered by Ebbsfleet International. Ebbsfleet has already launched their International services to Paris, Brussels and Lille and from 2009 will be providing speedy services to London in approximately 18 minutes! Bluewater shopping complex is another main attraction and is easily accessible by car, bus or train!



All apartments will have contemporary fitted kitchens together with oven, hob and extractor, microwave, dishwasher, washer/dryer and fridge/freezer; carpets will be included as standard along with flooring to kitchens and bathrooms; bathroom suites will also be of contemporary style. Bedrooms will have built in wardrobes, facility for Sky TV will be provided together with a 10 year NHBC warranty. Each apartment is complete with one allocated and secure parking space.

With only 4 apartments available you will need to register your interest quickly and with prices starting from £149,995 you will not want to miss out!

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- **Garden**
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- Wide selection of schools available
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- Rich in local history



AFFORDABILITY & STYLE AT THE BRIARY

The first release of new homes at The Briary, off Maidstone Road, Rochester is attracting much interest from both local residents looking to move and buyers from further afield with reservations now being taken. The visitors have been impressed by the stylish and spacious home designs, particularly the 3 bedroom house types and with incentives such as 5% deposit paid currently available on selected plots, The Briary boasts the appeal of affordability and style in the convenient location of Historic Rochester, with its mainline station and attractive High Street.

This exclusive collection of 2 bedroom apartments and 2 & 3 bedroom houses have been built by Crest Nicholson, a well known Kent based company, on behalf of Affinity Homes. All of the homes in the first release are now nearing completion and will be available to move into shortly. Prices are currently from £163,000. There is a 3 bedroom "Henbane" fully furnished Show Home and a 2 bedroom "Foxglove" View Home which are open 5 days a week, Thursday to Monday from 10am – 5pm.

To take advantage of the 5% deposit paid incentive, which is only available until the end of the month, please visit the show home today or call on 01634 841290.

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Chattenden



Copse Farm is an exciting new development of just thirteen 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom homes situated in the rural village location of Chattenden, near Rochester.

- Exclusive development
- Village location
- 1 bedroom apartment
- 2, 3 & 4 bedroom houses
- Paula Rosa Kitchens
- Integrated appliances
- Gated entrance
- Easy access to M2/M25

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FirstWater DEVELOPMENTS

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Rochester



Coming Soon

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A RARE FIND – QUIET BUT CONVENIENT LOCATION!



RPC Land & New Homes are delighted to be marketing two x studio apartments and one x 1 bedroom apartment in Purbeck Road, Chatham on behalf of local developer, Benning Brothers.

These brand new apartments are newly completed and ready to move into and have been finished to a high standard with separate fitted kitchens including a range of wall and base units with integrated oven, hob and hood, fridge/freezer and washer/drier. Each of the homes has been carpeted and have burglar alarms fitted as standard.



There is a private gated garden at the rear of the property for the exclusive use of the residents which has a raised decked area and features low maintenance artificial grass.



The properties are located within an existing residential area in Purbeck Road, just off the popular Maidstone Road in Chatham, and are situated less than a mile from the mainline train station and town centre. With all this in mind and with prices from £95,000, this is an ideal opportunity for investment or first time buyers. Incentives are available – contact us for details!

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Chatham





- Studio apartments
- 1 bedroom apartment
- Integrated appliances
- Fitted carpets
- Communal garden
- Good specification
- Close to mainline train station and town centre
- Ready to move into!

First time buyer opportunity

Prices from £95,000

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Chatham



- 2 bedroom homes
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge/diner
- Utility room/cloakroom
- Bathroom
- Terraced garden
- Garage
- Close to town centre
- Nearing completion!

Ideal for investment or First time buyer

Prices from £149,950

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- Pretty Villages surrounding Maidstone
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- Modern leisure and entertainment facilities



Plot 1, Meriden Heights East Farleigh, Kent



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Plot 1 is a 4 bedroom detached home situated in the exclusive development of Meriden Heights in the beautiful village of East Farleigh.

- Lounge with separate dining room
- Fitted kitchen/breakfast room with oven, hob & extractor
- Master bedroom with built-in wardrobes and en-suite
- Bedrooms 2, 3 & 4
- Family bathroom
- Single garage

Simon Wright Homes

£449,000

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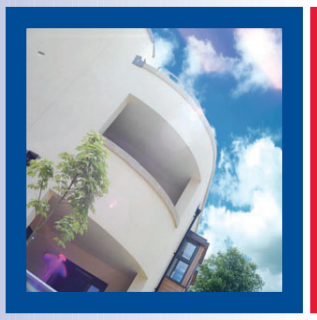
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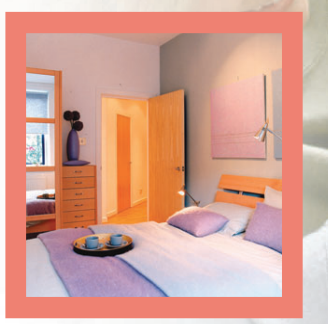
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Oaks Place

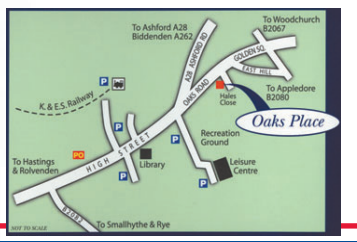
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- Ready to move into - only 3 remaining

Oaks Place, Oaks Road is just a short walk from Tenterden town centre

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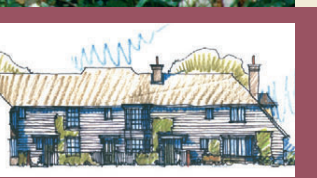
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THERE ARE WAYS TO BUY THAT DREAM HOME – EVEN IN A DIFFICULT MARKET

Developers are looking for new innovative ways to ensure that even in tougher times there are still ways for purchasers to proceed to buy their dream home, this could be incentives in the form of carpets being included in the purchase price – stamp duty being paid.

There has never been a better time for first time buyers with schemes available at Bryant at Ditton to move in for as little as £99* (subject to meeting certain criteria).At Ledian Court in Leeds village, Pentland Homes are offering a whole array of options including mortgage subsidies, 5% deposit paid, or legal fees paid. At Broadoak near Lenham where house prices start from £465,000,Woodchurch Constructions incentives include stamp duty paid and fitted carpets, these allowances could be worth in excess £30,000!!! Similar deals with stamp duty being paid are offered by Simon Wright Homes at Meriden Heights. There is a possibility of part exchange with selected development.

With part exchange in mind, according to property specialists movewithus, over 50% of site visitors have homes to sell, but don't fit the traditional part-exchange criteria. The key to their success, is to offer a range of sale options to buyers, enabling them to purchase a new home whatever their financial circumstances. Movewithus' assisted-sale option enables potential buyers to reserve their chosen plot while a number of estate agents value their existing property. Once a price has been agreed with the vendor, the property is proactively marketed through to completion. Figures show that 49% of movewithus' assisted-sale properties sell within the first four weeks. For more information on this scheme contact your nearest branch of RPC Land & New Homes.

Talk to your developer, there maybe several schemes available and incentives may differ according to the developer, but generally 2008 could be the year to make your dream of a new home come true.



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Broadoak Close, Lenham

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£499,950
Part Exchange Considered*
Carpets Included
*Subject to Terms and Conditions

The generous accommodation and well planned design is continuous throughout the house, offering 5 bedrooms with master and second bedroom benefiting from having en-suite facilities, and wardrobes to all bedrooms: Family bathroom. Integral garage with power and light.

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Sea Street, Whitstable



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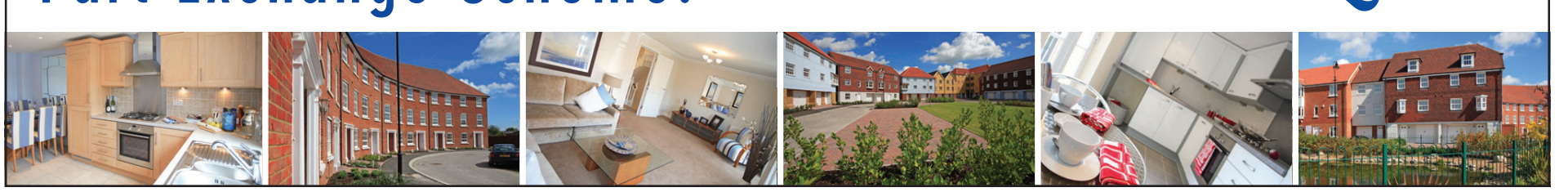
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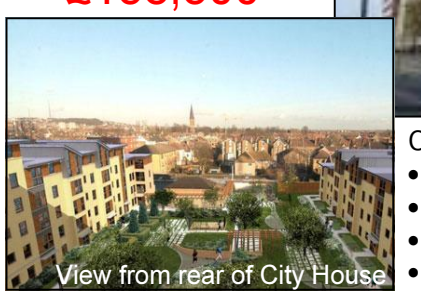
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The development used to be the site of a granary, which became redundant following the closure of the nearby mill in the middle of the last century. The land and buildings belonged to the Great Stone Bridge Trust, which was endowed with property to maintain the town's famous ancient bridge.

Nowadays, the bridge is maintained by Kent County Council leaving The Trust free to provide grants for community-based projects such as the Eden Valley Museum.

The bridge is part of a local legend which states that two ladies finding the road to the church flooded, knelt down and prayed that a way might be made for them. When they looked up they saw stepping-stones, on which they crossed. In gratitude for this answer to prayer they left money to build and maintain a new bridge of stone.

Regalpoint's Managing Director, Tony Porter, said: "We are pleased to have played a part in restoring this part of Edenbridge back to good use. We have worked, where possible, with the Great Stone Bridge Trust in putting this development together and have helped with some landscaping work on the Riverside Walk.

"This is a lovely development which has transformed the rundown building which used to occupy the site. With the town and its amenities, including the train station close by, this would ideally suit a young professional or a couple."

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First occupants Natasha, Tristan and their 3 children are now comfortably settled into their brand new home at Nazareth Hill and have enjoyed their first Christmas there. Natasha commented, "We are really happy to be here and have noticed how cosy the house is now the cold weather has started in earnest. The children love having their new bedrooms with their own bathroom on the second floor, away from mum and dad!"

The family chose a 'Wight', a 3 bedroom house type which fulfilled all their requirements. The Wight has a downstairs kitchen / dining room with access onto the rear garden via French doors and an integral garage. Prices for a 'Wight' are £225,000.

Other designs available at Nazareth Hill are 'The Anglesey 'and 'Anglesey /1' whose accommodation is spread over 3 floors and have 3 good bedrooms, 2 en-suites and a study/bedroom 4 on the first floor, kitchen/dining room, separate lounge and integral garage. Prices start at £232,000 for an 'Anglesey /1' and £250,000 for an 'Anglesey.'

Also available at Nazareth Hill are six 2 bedroom apartments with an en- suite shower room, separate kitchen and an allocated parking space, some of which have sea glimpses. Prices start at £160,000.

Several other occupants have now joined Natasha and Tristan and have moved into their new homes on Nazareth Hill.

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Developers set their sights on Ebbsfleet

New international rail station looks set to have major impact on land prices

The impact of the new Ebbsfleet International railway station is expected to have a major boost on land prices in the area as transport links improve and developers seek sites for new houses, according to Kent property experts RPC Land and New Homes.

In two years time, commuter times into London will be significantly slashed, increasing the attractiveness of the surrounding area and resulting in house prices rising faster than other parts of the county. The station is now open and means passengers can travel on Eurostar trains to Paris in just over two hours.

From 2009, the introduction of high-speed services, which will mean a journey of 20 minutes into St Pancras as well as quicker commutes elsewhere across North and East Kent, are encouraging property investors and developers to focus on these areas.

With the area set for major regeneration now could be the time for landowners to consider selling their plots for redevelopment according to RPC Land Director Mark Byatt.

He said: "The effect on property means prices rising to levels previously not seen with new home sales achieving close to £300 per square foot.

"The effect on the local economy will be significant with an increasing population drawn to the area for employment opportunities as well as looking for fast journey times by train to London and the continent.

Although it's nearly two years until the new faster services come online, that is a blink of an eye in terms of planning and building new developments."

Derelict

He added: "Landowners should seriously be considering whether they can afford to sit on unused or derelict land when there is such demand for sites. Owners of commercial land may also be unaware of the potential of their sites.

Businesses such as garages, hotels or car showrooms which may be struggling or under-performing can give themselves a very worthwhile financial boost by having their premises looked at by a professional.

"All or part of their plots may be suitable for redevelopment at a time when the market is keen to find new sites.

"To maximise the potential for any land or plot, professional advice should be sought at an early stage."

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ALL ABOARD: The new Ebbsfleet International Rail Station looks set to boost house and land prices

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FUTURE: Peter Randall

Fortunes set to be reversed in 2008

The next 12 months look likely to be a reversal of 2007 for the new homes property market in Kent, according to experts RPC Land and New Homes.

2007 saw prices for new homes continue to rise and the market remained buoyant through the summer before experiencing a slow down towards the end of the year. On the supply side, due to a dwindling stock of good brownfield sites available for building, there continued to be fierce competition between developers over sites, which in turn meant land prices stayed strong.

RPC Land and New Homes Managing Director Peter Randall said he expected a slightly different situation in 2008, adding: "In the last year, the market has been quite tough for developers but they are still very hungry for land and desperate to purchase good sites and that will continue into 2008 and beyond.

"2007 saw the new homes market start well and then slow down. I expect that to change around in 2008 with perhaps a slow start followed by an upturn later in the year. I believe next year we will see more housing associations involved with developments in Kent to meet affordable housing numbers and I think eco-friendly developments will also become more common.

"There is also a growing trend in some parts of the county for planners to look for more family housing reversing the trend over the past few years for higher density developments such as flats. I would expect developers to follow suit and look to provide more two, three and four-bedroom properties. which are very much in demand in current market conditions.

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Post Ref: SH/LT/KOS

SUPPORT POSTS

Learning Support – Early Years
27.75 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £16,284 pro rata per annum.
Post ref: SH/LSSEY/KOS

Hair & Beauty Receptionist
18.5 hrs per week, 40 week per year. Salary starting from £18,285 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 08/17/KOS

For an application pack please visit **www.cant-col.ac.uk** or call the Personnel Office on **01227 811282** (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above posts is Monday 4 February 2008 at 12 noon

Staff benefits include:

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- Proximity to Main bus/train Stations
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Section Manager Construction Crafts
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,648 per annum.
Post Ref: 08/12/KOS

Co-ordinator Health & Social Care
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £26,236 per annum.
Post Ref: 04/171/KOS

Lecturer in Hospitality & Catering
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 06/48/KOS

Lecturer Electrical Installations
37 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 per annum.
Post ref: 06/131/KOS

HE Lecturer Music
9.25 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 08/15/KOS

HE Lecturer Music
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 08/16/KOS

HE Supply Lecturers -Assessor and Verifier awards
Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: S/HE/KOS

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Chantry Primary School
Ordnance Road, Gravesend, DA12 2RL
Tel: 01474 350011 • Fax: 01474 323774
Email: office@chantry.kent.sch.uk
Age range: 3-11

PPA TEACHER

required for April 2008 or earlier

We are looking for a teacher to cover 3 days of KS2 PPA time. You would be required to plan, deliver, assess and report on two subject areas for the relevant classes.
You would need to have good classroom management skills, be an enthusiastic team player and keen to help our children to grow. An interest in RE could be an advantage.

Please contact Hazel King (Head Teacher) at the school for an informal discussion, further information, an application form and an appointment to visit.

Closing date: Tuesday 12th February 2008
Interview date: Wednesday 27th February 2008

To advertise in this section

01303 817040

Experienced lecturer?
Thinking about moving out of industry and into lecturing?

Due to growth in our Construction and Hair and Beauty Departments, South Kent College currently has exciting opportunities for both current and potential lecturers.
If you have the passion to build construction careers in our Centre of Vocational Excellence, or style the hairdressers of the future in one of our three highly successful salons, then we want to hear from you.

Lecturer in Beauty Therapy (x2) T1305
27 Hours per week ◦ Ashford and Dover

Lecturer in Hairdressing T1304
26.25 Hours per week ◦ Folkestone
(Post available 21st April)

Lecturer in Multi-Crafts T1306
Variable ◦ Dover
(Fixed-term until 31st July 2008)

Lecturer in Construction Management T1307
Variable ◦ Folkestone

Lecturer in Electrical T1308
Variable ◦ Ashford

Lecturer in Motor Vehicle T1309
Full-time (37 Hours per week) ◦ Ashford

We also have the following term-time only vacancies:

Learning Support Assistants S2115
16 Hours per week ◦ Folkestone

The closing date for receipt of all completed application forms is Monday 28th January 2008.

For further information, including salary details and an application pack for any of the above vacancies, please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answer phone), email humanresources@southkent.ac.uk or visit www.southkent.ac.uk

All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau.
We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all employees to share this commitment.
Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender age, disability, sexuality or religion.

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Kent County Council

Tutor - Skills for Life

£16,721 to £18,445 pa pro rata
18.5 hours per week, hours to be flexible and across the 5 day week, including some evenings.
Margate Skills Plus Centre

Creative, motivated and resourceful with a flexible approach, you will join a small, friendly and professional team of sessional tutors and teaching assistants.

It is essential you are working towards or hold a teaching qualification and a Level 4 Subject Specialism.

If you have a passion for teaching adults, and can combine a working knowledge of the adult literacy and numeracy core curriculum with creativity and imagination, please call Mandy Kinrade on 01843 256205 for more information.

There are also other opportunities to deliver innovative and exciting Skills for Life programmes at various locations throughout Kent.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

For an application form and job description for this post only, email KAESpersonnel@kent.gov.uk, telephone 0845 606 5 606 or write to KAES Personnel Head Office, Kent Adult Education Centre, College Road, Sittingbourne ME10 1LF. Please quote reference *CD/07/0292.

Closing date for this post only: midday, 25 January 2008.

Environmental Crime Enforcement Officers

Starting salary £25,521, with progression through contribution related pay to £29,190 per annum
Three Year fixed term post to March 2011
Aylesford/Invicta House, Maidstone

Help us stop environmental crime in Kent

These two roles are focused more on wielding the stick than waving the carrot.

Can you deliver a compelling deterrent to those who do not respect Kent's environment?

Our enforcement function (dealing with fly-tipping and other environmental offences) requires two additional people with a strong background in enforcement or regulatory services. You will have a track record of delivering successful prosecutions based on a firm understanding of the legislation. You will be an experienced investigator well versed in working to PACE and RIPA standards.

The roles are pivotal to the success of the Clean Kent Partnership and we will expect delivery of targets as part of the team, working with other authorities and agencies. With this in mind, you must have outstanding investigative, organisational, and communication skills with the motivation and commitment required to deliver the Clean Kent Campaign.

Find out more about us at www.CleanKent.com Ref: ER/07/0073

Closing date: midday, 31 January 2008. Interview date: 15 February 2008.

Assistant Clean Kent Co-ordinator

Starting salary £22,268, with progression through contribution related pay to £25,521 pa pro rata
Part-time 22 hours per week, one year temporary/secondment opportunity
Aylesford/Invicta House, Maidstone

The Clean Kent Campaign is helping to bring together a cleaner county in which to live, work and visit. We are nearing the end of the current Kent Agreement working with the 12 district and borough councils, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, the Environment Agency, Kent Police, and the Highways Agency, amongst others, to achieve demanding targets to reduce rubbish fires, increase public cleanliness satisfaction and reduce fly-tipping incidences. New targets will be included in the 2008-2011 Kent Agreement to improve on the good work already achieved.

The campaign now needs an enthusiastic and motivated person for one year to cover maternity leave, on a part-time basis. This is a challenging but rewarding role and you will join a dedicated team, full of enthusiasm and results driven.

You will need to have excellent communication, organisational and administrative skills. Project management experience is essential, as well as a can-do approach to work.

Find out more about us at www.CleanKent.com Ref: ER/07/0072

Closing date: midday, 25 January 2008.

Senior Auditor

Starting salary £25,521, with progression through contribution related pay to £29,190 per annum
One year to cover maternity leave
Sessions House, Maidstone

In this role, you will undertake audits either in a lead role or supervised by an Audit Manager, and prepare reports on the evaluation and testing of the effectiveness of financial and other control systems in the Authority. You should have relevant internal audit experience and knowledge of audit techniques. Ideally, you should be either studying for, or be CCAB or MIIA qualified.

The job involves carrying out audits across the County, so the ability to travel is essential. **Ref: CED/07/0157**

Auditor

£17,842 to £25, 521 per annum salary dependent on experience and progression through the career grade is based on the fulfilment of required competencies
Sessions House, Maidstone

In this role, you will assist or carry out audits, supervised by an Audit Manager or Senior Auditor, including the preparation of reports on the evaluation and testing of the effectiveness of financial and other control systems. You should have relevant internal audit experience and knowledge of audit techniques. The job involves carrying out audits across the County, so the ability to travel is essential. **Ref: CED/07/0158**



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Closing date for both Auditor posts: midday, 21 January 2008. Interview date: w/c 11 February 2008.

To apply for any of the above posts (apart from the Tutor vacancy), visit www.kent.gov.uk/jobs
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or call 0845 8247 904. Please quote the appropriate reference.

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Kent County Council

Childcare Development Officer

Starting salary £22,268, with progression through contribution related pay to £25,521 pa pro rata
Part-time 18.5 hours per week
Swanley and District Cluster

Supporting the development of "sustainable childcare markets" in the context of the Government's Ten Year Childcare Strategy, you will be responsible for promoting and supporting the expansion of existing early years and out of school group childcare provision and for the development of new provision in line with identified needs, aiming to ensure that it is set up to be financially viable and therefore long term sustainable. (NB. Early years and out of school childcare in this context excludes childminders, but includes, where appropriate and necessary, early education for eligible three and four year olds).

You will have an NVQ Level 3 in early years/childcare/play work, or equivalent or a qualification in business and finance as well as experience of working in a group childcare setting with funding applications and with business and financial plans in an advisory/ supportive capacity.

You will also have knowledge and understanding of the current childcare agenda, including Daycare Standards and working knowledge and understanding of business and financial planning.

Good communication skills, and the ability to work effectively and sensitively with the widest range of colleagues are essential.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.



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Please quote reference CFE/08/0005.

Closing date: midday, 4 February 2008.

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Service Desk Technician Level 3 (Computing Support)
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,285 per annum.
Post Ref: SDT3/KOS

Trainer Demonstrator Hospitality & Catering
18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,285 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 06/22/KOS

Evening Catering Assistant
16 hrs per week, 36 weeks term time. Salary £11,744 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: CA6/KOS

Senior Administrator – Student Support Services
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,285 per annum.
Post ref: 07/96/KOS

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MEDWAY TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Teacher

Warren Wood Community Primary School and Language Unit
Specialist teacher (mixed year 3/4/5 class)
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and fixed term contract
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 30 January 2008
To apply/more information
Kerry Trim
Assistant Headteacher
Warren Wood community Primary School and Language Unit
Arethusa Road
Rochester
Kent ME1 2UR
Phone: 01634 337227
Email: trimk001@medway.org.uk

All Saints CE Primary School
KS1 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and temporary
Term of Contract: 1 year
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 1 February 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs G Hill
All Saints CE Primary School
Magpie Hall Road
Chatham
Kent ME4 5JY
Phone: 01634 338922
Email: headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk

Burnt Oak Primary School
KS2 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008 or asap
Closing date: 25 January 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs G Perry
Headteacher
Burnt Oak Primary School
Cornwall Road
Gillingham
Kent ME7 1LP
Phone: 01634 852991
Email: office@burntoak.medway.sch.uk

Oaklands Infants School
Nursery Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 25 January 2008
To apply/more information
School Office
Oaklands Infants School
Weedswood Road
Chatham
Kent
ME4 0QS
Phone: 01634 861423
Email: headteacher@oaklands-inf.medway.sch.uk

St Margarets CEVC Junior School
KS2 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 8 February 2008
To apply/more information
Paul Gabbett
Headteacher
St Margarets CEVC Junior School
Orchard Street
Rainham
Kent ME8 9AE
Phone: 01634 230998
Email: office@stmargarets.org.uk

Foundation Stage Leader

St James' CE Primary School
Foundation stage leader
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2c
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 23 January 2008
To apply/more information
School Office
St James' CE Primary School
Isle of Grain
Rochester
Kent ME3 0BS
Phone: 01634 270341
Email: headteacher@stjames.medway.sch.uk

Deputy Headteacher

All Saints CE Primary School
Deputy Headteacher
Salary: Leadership scale 11 - 16
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 1 February 2008
To apply/more information
Deborah Good
All Saints CE Primary School
Magpie Hall Road
Chatham
Kent ME4 5JY
Phone: 01634 338922
Email: headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Teacher

New Brompton College
English Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008 or asap
Closing date: 30 January 2008
To apply/more information
Sue Moss
HR Manager
New Brompton College
Marlborough Road
Gillingham
Kent ME7 5HT
Phone: 01634 583509
Email: suemoss@nbc.medway.sch.uk

New Brompton College
Science Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 30 January 2008
To apply/more information
Sue Moss
HR Manager
New Brompton College
Marlborough Road
Gillingham
Kent
ME7 5HT
Phone: 01634 583509
Email: suemoss@nbc.medway.sch.uk

Rainham Mark Grammar School
Science Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 7 February 2008
To apply/more information
School Office
Rainham Mark Grammar School
Pump Lane
Gillingham
Kent
ME8 7AJ
Phone: 01634 364151
Email: office@rainhammark.medway.sch.uk

Rainham Mark Grammar School
Mathematics Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 7 February 2008
To apply/more information
School office
Rainham Mark Grammar School
Pump Lane
Gillingham
Kent ME8 7AJ
Phone: 01634 364151
Email: office@rainhammark.medway.sch.uk

Deputy Subject Leader

New Brompton College
Deputy subject leader - Science
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2b
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 30 January 2008
To apply/more information
Sue Moss, HR Manager
New Brompton College
Marlborough Road
Gillingham
Kent ME7 5HT
Phone: 01634 583509
Email: suemoss@nbc.medway.sch.uk

Head of Subject

The Howard School
Head of Spanish
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR of £2,364
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 8 February 2008
To apply/more information
Mr P Morris, Headteacher
The Howard School
Derwent Way
Rainham
Kent ME8 0BX
Phone: 01634 388765
Email: office@howard.medway.sch.uk

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Danecourt Community School
Class teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS + SEN 2
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 6 February 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs Royle
Danecourt Community School
Hotel Road
Gillingham
Kent ME8 6AA
Phone: 01634 232589
Email: roylk001@medway.gov.uk

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Medway Council
Medway Teacher Recruitment Open Day
All Students in their final year of teacher training + Experienced teachers
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008 or 1 September 2008
Closing date: 31 January
To apply/more information
Julie Jones
Teacher Recruitment Team
Medway Council
Civic Centre
Strood
Kent ME2 4AU
Phone: 01634 331209
Email: teaching@medway.gov.uk

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Canterbury Christ Church University
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CANTERBURY CAMPUS

FACULTY OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Faculty Quality Officer (0.5fte)

£32,796 to £44,074 per annum

This is an exciting opportunity to work in University quality assurance. Reporting to the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Dean of Arts & Humanities), you will be responsible for the management of quality assurance for the Faculty, and will also contribute, as appropriate, to this work in the wider University.

With experience of quality assurance activity within Higher Education as well as a first and higher degree, you will also have significant experience of teaching, research and administration.

Informal enquiries can be made to Dr Paul Dalton, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Dean of Arts & Humanities) on 01227 782965. Ref: FQO2/AH/77

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, WELLBEING AND THE FAMILY

Instructor Demonstrator

£22,332 to £24,403 per annum (pro-rata if part time)

Do you have the skills and experience required to lead in delivering practical sessions to students of the Faculty of Health and Social Care, under the general guidance and direction of Academic staff? If you are an experienced technician and an excellent communicator, who enjoys sharing practical knowledge, developing the skills of others, working alongside students and academics and wants to develop a more focused teaching orientated career then we would welcome your application. You will be located within the Skills Laboratory Team. This post is offered as full time or two 18.5 hour posts **Ref: ID/HWF/77.**

Informal enquiries to Debra Teasdale, Head of Department of Health, Wellbeing and the Family on 01227 782519.

Programme Administrator

£15,743 to £17,152 per annum

Responsibilities will involve a broad range of administrative and secretarial work to support programmes within the Department, with particular emphasis on the Child Nursing and Midwifery programmes. The role includes supporting the Programme Directors, timetabling, maintenance of student and programme records, production of support materials and arranging meetings.

With a minimum of GCSE A-C English or equivalent and recent experience in office administration/secretarial work, you must be able to demonstrate excellent communication skills and use of word processing, database and spreadsheet skills. The ability to work accurately to deadlines and effectively under pressure is essential. Experience of QLS database management would be advantageous, as would experience in higher education or the health service. **Ref: PA1/HWF/77.**

LEARNING AND TEACHING ENHANCEMENT UNIT (LTEU)

Faculty Learning Technologist

£27,466 to £29,139 per annum

Working within the LTEU you will support the use of ICT in learning and teaching through providing advice, consultancy and technical assistance with implementing new developments in learning and teaching.

With significant experience of supporting staff in developing their use of learning technology, you will be competent across a range of computer applications and educational technologies, and demonstrate an imaginative grasp of their application in an educational context. You are likely to have a background in education or training.

Working as part of a team you will need to possess excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work to rigorous standards within demanding deadlines. **Ref: FLT3/LT/77.**

CORPORATE INFORMATION SERVICES

SQL Developer

£27,466 to £29,139 per annum

As an experienced SQL Developer working in the newly established Information Systems Development group within Corporate Information Systems, you will be making a significant contribution to the University's Information System Development programme and the development of the University's management information systems.

As a graduate with significant professional analyst/programmer and SQL development experience you will need excellent interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work effectively on your own and as part of the team.

You will also need to demonstrate a proven track record of technical development and excellent technical skills with experience of implementing systems within a designed technical architecture. **Ref: SQL/CIS/77.**

For an informal discussion please contact Louise Sibley on 01227 782522.

Interview date: 12 February 2008.

DESIGN AND PRINT UNIT

Graphic Designer

£25,134 to £26,666 per annum

We require a highly motivated Graphic Designer with excellent technical and organisational skills. As a creative individual you will be expected to design and produce concepts and finished artwork for a wide range of materials and will act as the guardian of the University's corporate identity.

With a solid print design background and in-depth knowledge of design-for-print packages you will also need to be familiar with printing techniques and have understanding of the working methods, deadlines and production patterns of the print industry.

A good team player you will be used to working to tight dealines and balancing multiple projects and have the confidence to take a project from its initial brief through to the finished article. **Ref: GD/REP/77.**

AUGUSTINE HOUSE REDEVELOPMENT

Project Administrator (Fixed term for 18 months)

£17,651 to £19,264 per annum

A £30m development on the Canterbury ring road will provide a landmark building including a new Library and Learning Centre and a new Student Support Centre along with cafes and social space for the University.

As part of the University's largest ever estate development you will provide general and high level administrative support to the project team comprising an overall Project Manager and two Project Directors, a variety of sub-groups and associated projects and other estate development projects as necessary.

With a recognised word-processing/typing qualification and ECDL or equivalent you will have demonstrable experience of general administration and servicing meetings. Experience of working in a time critical project focused environment and providing PA support to multiple people is desirable. This role will require wide ranging organisational and liaison abilities and the desire to provide a high quality service in a timely and prioritised manner. **Ref: PA/AUG/77.**

COMPUTING SERVICES

Testing Administrator (Part time)

(Fixed Term until 31 July 2009)

£13,739 to £15,300 per annum pro rata

Working in the Department's computer-based testing lab your duties will include the administration of candidates, invigilating exams in accordance with documented procedures, dealing with any problems and answering enquiries.

You will have good intermediate-level computing experience, patience and an eye for detail; experience in dealing with people of all ages and in sometimes difficult situations is essential, as is reliability and some flexibility as to working hours. A gentle sense of humour and a calm personality are a distinct advantage. **The post is for an average of 18 hours a week across the year, up to a maximum of 27 hours a week in October and November; the centre is open afternoons and evenings, midweek. Ref: TA2/CS/77.**

MEDWAY CAMPUS

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Senior Lecturer in Speech & Language Therapy (0.5fte)

£32,796 to £40,335 per annum pro rata

We are looking for an HPC-registered Speech and Language Therapist to join the enthusiastic SLT team supporting the Post Graduate Diploma in Speech and Language Therapy delivered jointly with University of Greenwich.

You will have expertise in working with adults with communication disorders, and although not essential, you may also have an interest in voice, applied linguistics, adult learning disabilities, or hearing impairment. You will develop this as a key role with existing colleagues from Canterbury Christ Church University and University of Greenwich. You will hold a relevant degree and be interested in extending your professional profile. **Ref: SLT1/AHP/77.**

For informal discussion, please contact Professor Kate Springett, Head of Department, on 01227 782935 or kate.springett@canterbury.ac.uk, or Marian McCormick on 01634 894432 or marian.mccormick@canterbury.ac.uk

BROADSTAIRS CAMPUS

ACCOMMODATION OFFICE

Housing Officer (21 hours)

£15,743 to £17,152 per annum

As part of the Accommodation Services team you will be helping to allocate students to their accommodation at the start of the academic year, assisting with any accommodation issues and ensuring that residential accommodation is kept secure and well maintained.

Ideally with a background in housing you will be a confident communicator with well developed interpersonal customer service skills.

Although working predominantly Wednesday (1pm to 5.30pm), Thursday (9am to 5.30pm) and Friday (9am to 5.30pm) you will also be required to work additional weekend hours at the beginning of each academic year (September) to welcome new students and to settle them into their Halls of Residence. **Ref: HO1/ACC/77.**

Application forms and further details are available from www.canterbury.ac.uk. Alternatively please call 01227 782475 (answerphone) or e-mail hr@canterbury.ac.uk quoting the above reference. No agencies.

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Minster-in-Sheppey CP School

KS2, Year 3 vacancy from 21st April 2008 to cover maternity leave. This vacancy would suit an experienced teacher. The position, whilst temporary to cover maternity leave, could lead to a permanent position.

Salary commensurate with experience.

Further details
e-mail: **office@minster-sheppey.kent.sch.uk**
or tel: **01795 872138**

Secondary Teachers Needed

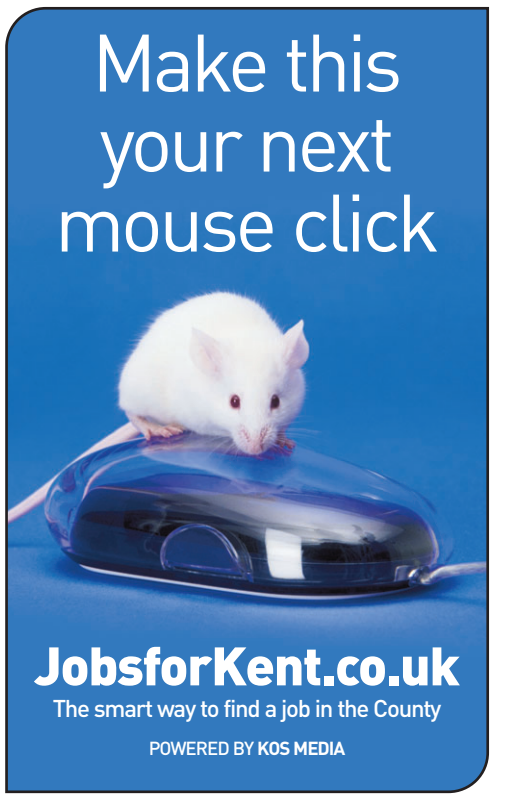
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Closing date: 7 February 2008. Interview date: 15 February 2008.

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Closing date: 8 February 2008.

Application forms and further details are available from www.canterbury.ac.uk. Alternatively please call 01227 782475 (answerphone) or e-mail hr@canterbury.ac.uk quoting the appropriate reference. No agencies.



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Closing date for applications: Friday, 25 January 2008.
Interviews will be held on: Wednesday, 13 February 2008.

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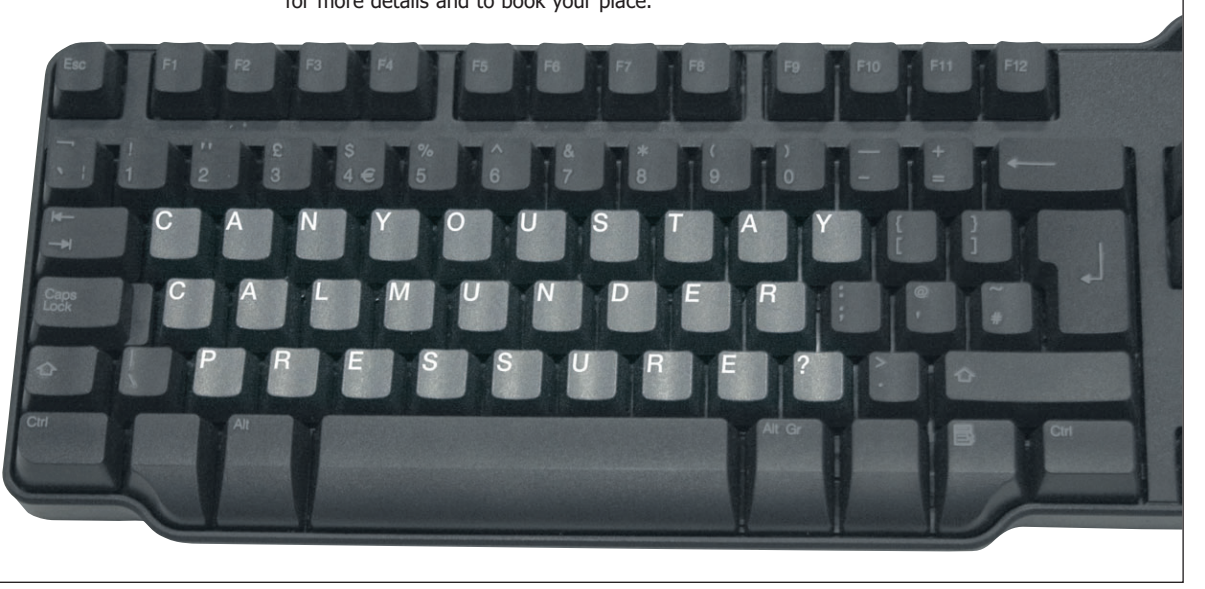
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Ref: 00904/K3

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In addition to managing the administrative team and administrative systems of the school, there will be specific involvement with matters such as personnel, finance, records, and student admissions. General duties will also include the production of letters, reports and other documents, the organisation of diaries, the arrangement of meetings and other corporate events, the preparation of papers and minute taking, planning and organising travel arrangements and contacting people at all levels both inside and outside the University.

The postholder must have a flexible attitude to work, the ability to work accurately under pressure and as a member of a team. Experience of working in the academic environment is desirable, as is the willingness to travel and to work outside normal hours on occasions.

Salary Scale: £26,666 - £31,840 per annum inclusive.

PART TIME WEEKEND SECURITY RECEPTION ASSISTANT (FIXED TERM)

Ref: 00905/K3

The Drill Hall Library serves the institutions that make up the "Universities at Medway". Currently these are Canterbury Christ Church University, the University of Greenwich and the University of Kent with Mid-Kent College.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and energetic person to join our Drill Hall Library Team. You will be part of the Weekend Support Team who will be providing seamless IT and library support service to students and staff.

Reception and security staff are responsible for the security of the Drill Hall premises when open for business, for monitoring entry and exit of authorised persons, opening and closing procedures and setting security systems. You will also carry out routine manual and clerical tasks involved in the day to day running of the LRC, including operating a range of equipment and running van deliveries within campus and to the remote store. Reception staff are normally the first point of contact for library users and visitors and must have excellent communication and customer care skills.

This is a new initiative and is a two year fixed term post in the first instance. You will be expected to contribute to the evaluation of the service. The post is for 17.5 hours a week for 35 weeks between September and July, including Saturdays and Sundays from 10.45am to 5.15pm plus 5.5 hours during the week.

Salary Scale: pro rata to £14,069 to £16,669 per annum inclusive.

We aim to be an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all sections of the community.

Further particulars and application form can be obtained from the Personnel Department, University of Greenwich, Avery Hill Road, London, SE9 2UG (Email: Jobs@gre.ac.uk) quoting the job reference. Applications should be returned by 5.00pm on 29 January 2008.

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CONTRACTS MANAGER (FIXED TERM)

Ref: 00907/K3

A dynamic, self motivated individual is required to contract manage projects and activities being delivered through our partner institutions and organisations. This new post will be part of the LLN team at the University of Greenwich at Medway Campus in Chatham.

If you are a good negotiator with experience of managing and administering complex projects and have experience of managing contracted-out work, then this might be your opportunity to make your mark. The LLN is a partnership of five higher education institutions, seven further education colleges and a range of other organisations. The person we are looking for will have good report writing skills, understand complex budgets, be able to analyse and manipulate data using Excel and have experience of managing or maintaining web-based information. You will also need a flexible attitude to work, the ability to work accurately under pressure and be a positive and productive team member.

If you are that person and you are looking for a new challenge with a project that is making a real difference, then we look forward to hearing from you.

This post is fixed term to 31 August 2009.

Salary Scale: £26,666 - £30,012 per annum inclusive.

We aim to be an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all sections of the community.

To obtain further particulars and an application form visit our website www.gre.ac.uk, email: jobs@gre.ac.uk or write to the Personnel Office, University of Greenwich, Avery Hill Road, London, SE9 2UG quoting the job reference. Applications should be returned by 5.00 pm on 1 February 2008.

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SALARY:
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Email
halpernpropertiesltd@googlemail.com

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JOB TITLE:
Administrator and PA to Doctor
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Zeetech Services Ltd
TO APPLY:
Zeetech Services Ltd
Email admin@idealspinecentre.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
8th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Clerical Officer
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
Medway Scale D2, points 12 – 21 £14,492 - £18,430 (pro rata)
COMPANY:
Abbey Court School
TO APPLY:
Abbey Court School
Tel: 01634 338224
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
1st Feb 2008

JOB TITLE:
Office Assistant
LOCATION:
Herne Bay
SALARY:
£6.74 per hour
COMPANY:
Strode Park Foundation
TO APPLY:
Strode Park Foundation
Tel: 01227 373292
Email recruitment@strodepark.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
01 February 2008

CATERING, HOSPITALITY

JOB TITLE:
Kitchen Assistant
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
High View Oast Nursing Home
TO APPLY:
Sheelagh Sanford
High View Oast Nursing Home
Tel: 01304 813333
Email highviewoast@
new-meronden.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Kitchen Assistant
LOCATION:
Isle of Sheppey
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Little Oyster Residential Home
TO APPLY:
Chris
Little Oyster Residential Home
Tel: 01795 870608
Email chriskite@blueyonder.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Trainer Demonstrator - Hospitality and Catering
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
From £18,285 per annum pro rata
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Personnel Office
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
12 noon Monday, 4th February 2008

CHILD CARE

JOB TITLE:
Qualified Level 3 Nursery Assistant
LOCATION:
Broadstairs
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
ABC Nursery School
TO APPLY:
The Manager, ABC Nursery School
ABC Nursery School
Tel: 01843 603248
Email marie-rose@
abcnursery-school.co.uk

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JOB TITLE:
New Build Office Manager (with estimating experience)
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
£25 - £30k
COMPANY:
Sheffield Insulations
TO APPLY:
Sheffield Insulations
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SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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Housekeeper - Full/Part Time
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
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COMPANY:
High View Oast Nursing Home
TO APPLY:
Sheelagh Sanford
High View Oast Nursing Home
Tel: 01304 813333
Email highviewoast@
new-meronden.co.uk

EDUCATION, TEACHER, SCHOOL

JOB TITLE:
Class Teacher
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS + SEN 2
COMPANY:
Danecourt Community School
TO APPLY:
Mrs Royle
Danecourt Community School
Tel: 01634 232589
Email roylk001@medway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
6 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Deputy Headteacher
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Leadership scale 11 - 16
COMPANY:
All Saints CE Primary School
TO APPLY:
Deborah Good
All Saints CE Primary School
Tel: 01634 338922
Email
headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
1 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Deputy Subject Leader - Science
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS + TLR 2b
COMPANY:
New Brompton College
TO APPLY:
Sue Moss, HR Manager
New Brompton College
Tel: 01634 583509
Email suemoss@nbc.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
30 January 2008

JOB TITLE:
English Teacher
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
New Brompton College
TO APPLY:
Sue Moss, HR Manager
New Brompton College
Tel: 01634 583509
Email suemoss@nbc.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
30 January 2008

JOB TITLE:
Foundation Stage Leader
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
MPS +TLRc
COMPANY:
St James' CofE VA Primary School
TO APPLY:
Sue Gray - Headteacher
St James' CofE VA Primary School
Tel: 01634 270341
Email
headteacher@stjames.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
23 January 2008

JOB TITLE:
Head of Spanish
LOCATION:
Rainham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS + TLR of £2,364
COMPANY:
Howard School (The)
TO APPLY:
Mr P Morris, Headteacher
Howard School (The)
Tel: 01634 388765
Email office@howard.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
8 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Instructor Demonstrator
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£22,332 to £24,403 per annum (pro-rata if part time)
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
TO APPLY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
Tel: 01227 782475 (answerphone)
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
1 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Key Stage 2 Teacher
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Burnt Oak Primary School
TO APPLY:
Gill Perry - Headteacher
Burnt Oak Primary School
Tel: 01634 571283
Email office@burntoak.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
25 January 2008

JOB TITLE:
KS1 Teacher
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
All Saints CE Primary School
TO APPLY:
Mrs G Hill
All Saints CE Primary School
Tel: 01634 338922
Email
headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
1 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
KS2 Teacher
LOCATION:
Rainham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
St Margaret's CE School
TO APPLY:
Paul Gabbett - Headteacher
St Margaret's CE School
Tel: 01634 230998
Email office@stmargarets.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
8 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
KS2, Year 3 Vacancy
LOCATION:
Sheerness
SALARY:
Commensurate with experience
COMPANY:
Minster-In-Sheppey CP School
TO APPLY:
Minster-In-Sheppey CP School
Tel: 01795 872138
Email office@
minster-sheppey.kent.sch.uk

JOB TITLE:
Learning Support Assistants
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
South Kent College
TO APPLY:
Human Resources Department
South Kent College
Tel: 0845 207 8222
(24 hour answer phone)
Email
humanresources@southkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
Monday 28th January 2008

JOB TITLE:
Mathematics Teacher
LOCATION:
Gillingham
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COMPANY:
Rainham Mark Grammar

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7 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Nursery Teacher
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Oaklands Infant School
TO APPLY:
School Office
Oaklands Infant School
Tel: 01634 861423
Email headteacher@
oaklands-inf.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
25 January 2008

JOB TITLE:
PPA Teacher
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Chantry Primary School
TO APPLY:
Hazel King
Chantry Primary School
Tel: 01474 350011
Email office@chantry.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
12th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Science Teacher
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
New Brompton College
TO APPLY:
Sue Moss, HR Manager
New Brompton College
Tel: 01634 583509
Email suemoss@nbc.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
30 January 2008

JOB TITLE:
Science Teacher
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Rainham Mark Grammar
TO APPLY:
School Office
Rainham Mark Grammar
Tel: 01634 364151
Email
office@rainhammark.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
7 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Section Manager - Construction Crafts
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
From £32,648 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Personnel Office
Canterbury College
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CLOSING DATE
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JOB TITLE:
Senior Lecturer in Speech and Language Therapy (0.5fte)
LOCATION:
Medway
SALARY:
£32,796 to £40,335 per annum pro rata
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
TO APPLY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
Tel: 01227 782475 (answerphone)
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
1 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Specialist teacher (Mixed Year 3/4/5 Class)
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Warren Wood Primary School
TO APPLY:
Kerry Trim, Assistant Headteacher
Warren Wood Primary School
Tel: 01634 337227
Email trimk001@medway.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
30 January 2008

JOB TITLE:
Subject Lead Learner - English (We employ two Subject Lead Learners in our core subjects)
LOCATION:
Aylesford
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TLR 2B
COMPANY:
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Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
01/02/2008

JOB TITLE:
Subject Lead Learner - ICT
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
TLR 2B
COMPANY:
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CLOSING DATE
01/02/2008

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LOCATION:
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Email
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
01/02/2008

JOB TITLE:
Supply Lecturers - Leisure and Tourism
LOCATION:
Isle of Sheppey
SALARY:
£17,729 - £25,420 per annum pro rata
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Personnel Office
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
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Teacher of English
LOCATION:
Aylesford
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Main Scale
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TO APPLY:
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
01/02/2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of Mathematics
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
Main Scale
COMPANY:
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Email
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
01/02/2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of Science
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
Main Scale
COMPANY:
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Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
01/02/2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of Technology
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
Main Scale
COMPANY:
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Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
01/02/2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher Recruitment Manager
LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
Dependent on qualifications
COMPANY:
Churchill House School of English
TO APPLY:
Lesley Game
Churchill House School of English
Tel: 01843 593630
Email lesley@churchillhouse.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
01.02.08

JOB TITLE:
Teaching Assistant
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
£12,985 to £14,720 pro rata
COMPANY:
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ENGINEERING, MANUFACTURING, UTILITIES

JOB TITLE:
Sales Support Technician
LOCATION:
Herne Bay
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Flexicon (Europe) Ltd
TO APPLY:
The personnel Dept
Flexicon (Europe) Ltd
Email personnel@flexicon.co.uk

ESTATE AGENCY, PROPERTY

JOB TITLE:
Accounts Assistant
LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Miles and Barr
TO APPLY:
Jackie Barr
Miles and Barr
Email jackiebarr@milesandbarr.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Trainee and Experienced Mortgage Consultants
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Freeman Foreman
TO APPLY:
Freeman Foreman
Email
ben.siggins@freemanforman.co.uk

GRADUATE, TRAINEES

JOB TITLE:
International Management Trainee / Sales Consultant
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£28,000 OTE, Uncapped
COMPANY:
Meltwater News
TO APPLY:
Meltwater News
Email
Job.canterbury@meltwaternews.com
CLOSING DATE
30/01/2008

HEALTH & SAFETY, SECURITY, DEFENSE

JOB TITLE:
Night Security Manager
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£22,332 to £24,403 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
TO APPLY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
Tel: 01227 782475
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
8 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Part-time Weekend Security Reception Assistant
LOCATION:
Medway
SALARY:
Pro rata to £14,069 to £16,669 per annum inclusive
COMPANY:
University of Greenwich
TO APPLY:
University of Greenwich
Email Jobs@gre.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
5.00pm on 29January 2008

HR, RECRUITMENT

JOB TITLE:
Human Resources Officer
LOCATION:
Tonbridge
SALARY:
£19,466 - £23,013
COMPANY:
West Kent College
TO APPLY:
West Kent College
Tel: 01732 376511
Email hr-dept@wkc.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
24th January 2008

INDUSTRIAL, WAREHOUSE, FACTORY

JOB TITLE:
Casual General Operatives
LOCATION:
Belvedere
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Sargents Ltd
TO APPLY:
Sargents Ltd
Tel: 07733 103 510
Email
jacquelinenewmane@sargents.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Stock Control Assistant
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
£23000 per annum
COMPANY:
3663 SRDC
TO APPLY:
Simon McCombe
3663 SRDC
Tel: 01732 468141
Email simonmccombe@3663.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Stock Control Clerk
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
£18000 per annum
COMPANY:
3663 SRDC
TO APPLY:
Simon McCombe
3663 SRDC
Tel: 01732 468141
Email simonmccombe@3663.co.uk

INFORMATION TECH, INTERNET, TELECOMS

JOB TITLE:
Faculty Learning Technologist
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£27,466 to £29,139 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
TO APPLY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
Tel: 01227 782475 (answerphone)
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
1 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Internal Communications Officer
LOCATION:
Tonbridge
SALARY:
£14,020 - £16,152
COMPANY:
West Kent College
TO APPLY:
HR department
West Kent College
Tel: 01732 376511
Email hr-dept@wkc.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
24 January 2008

JOB TITLE:
Service Desk Technician Level 3 (Computing Support)
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
From £18,285 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Personnel Office
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
12 noon Monday, 4th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
SQL Developer
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£27,466 to £29,139 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
TO APPLY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
Tel: 01227 782475 (answerphone)
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
1 February 2008

INSURANCE, BANKING, FINANCE

JOB TITLE:
.NET Developer
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£32,796 to £40,335 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
TO APPLY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
Tel: 01227 782475
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
7 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Finance Manager
LOCATION:
Tonbridge
SALARY:
£38,000 - £42,000 per annum pro rata
COMPANY:
Jee Limited
20-25hrs per week. Applications by email please. Please view the job description on our website www.jee.co.uk.
TO APPLY:
Alastair Deards
Jee Limited
Email recruitment@jee.co.uk

MANAGEMENT, SENIOR POSITIONS

JOB TITLE:
Contracts Manager
LOCATION:
Medway
SALARY:
£26,666 - £30,012 per annum inclusive
COMPANY:
University of Greenwich
TO APPLY:
University of Greenwich
Email jobs@gre.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
5.00 pm on 1 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Contracts Manager
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
£27 - £35k plus van and benefits
COMPANY:
Temple Plumbing & Heating
TO APPLY:
Temple Plumbing & Heating
Tel: 0870 224 1022
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Media Manager
LOCATION:
Medway
SALARY:
Up to £43,691 per annum.
COMPANY:
Medway Council
TO APPLY:
Medway Council
Tel: 01634 333333 Mon to Fri 8am - 8pm, Sat 9am - 1pm. 01634 332843 24-hour answerphone.
Email jobs@medway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday, 25 January 2008

JOB TITLE:
Project Manager
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
£23 - £25,000 + 6% pension
COMPANY:
Sevenoaks Volunteer Centre
TO APPLY:
Sevenoaks Volunteer Centre
Tel: 01622 677337
Email
kentcove@sevenoaksvolunteers.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
8th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Project Manager - Development
LOCATION:
Tunbridge Wells
SALARY:
Circa £34,000 plus car allowance and excellent benefits
COMPANY:
Town and Country Housing Group
TO APPLY:
Town and Country Housing Group
Tel: 01892 501637 or 01892 501721 (24-hour answer phone)
Email jobs@tchg.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
12 Noon 1st February 2008

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JOB TITLE:
Store Manager
LOCATION:
Tunbridge Wells
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Bellegrove Ceramics plc
TO APPLY:
Christine Williams
Bellegrove Ceramics plc
Tel: 01322 277877
Email christine.williams@bellegroveceramics.plc.uk

MARKETING, ADVERTISING

JOB TITLE:
Advertising Manager
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
Based on the experience and skills of the person applying for the job
COMPANY:
Dog World
TO APPLY:
Deborah Broom
Dog World
Tel: 01233 621877
Email debbie.broom@dogworld.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday February 1st 2008

JOB TITLE:
Brand Manager
LOCATION:
Tonbridge
SALARY:
£30,183 - £37,692 pa plus Performance Related Pay
COMPANY:
West Kent College
TO APPLY:
West Kent College
Tel: 01732 376511
Email hr-dept@wkc.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
24 January 2008.

JOB TITLE:
Marketing Account Managers (2 posts)
LOCATION:
Tonbridge
SALARY:
£23,579 - £27,165 pa plus Performance Related Pay
COMPANY:
West Kent College
TO APPLY:
West Kent College
Tel: 01732 376511
Email hr-dept@wkc.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
24 January 2008

JOB TITLE:
Marketing Executive - Holidays
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
Competitive salary + excellent benefits package
COMPANY:
Saga
TO APPLY:
Saga
Email human.resources@saga.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
8 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Marketing Officer - 20 Hours per Week
LOCATION:
Dartford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Crayford Greyhound Track
TO APPLY:
Marketing Manager
Crayford Greyhound Track
Tel: 01322 557836
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
1 February 08

JOB TITLE:
Self Employed Exhibition Representative
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
N/A
COMPANY:
Venture Maidstone
TO APPLY:
Venture Maidstone
Email hayley.richardson@sintel.co.uk

MOTOR TRADE, DRIVER

JOB TITLE:
Class II Drivers
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
£9 - £10 ph
COMPANY:
Berry Recruitment
On-going temporary work, start ASAP. Call Jim @ Berry for info
TO APPLY:
Jim - Berry Recruitment
Tel: 01622 609570 (Agy)
Email james.coull@berryrecruitment.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Experienced Parts Advisor
LOCATION:
Dartford
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Whitehouse Jeep (Crayford)
TO APPLY:
Whitehouse Jeep (Crayford)
Email tim.collier@whitehousegroup.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Full and Part Time Taxi Drivers
LOCATION:
Sittingbourne
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
A2 Cabs Ltd
TO APPLY:
Elaine
A2 Cabs Ltd
Tel: 01795 431500
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Roadside Assistance Mechanics
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Eclipse Recovery Services Ltd
TO APPLY:
Eclipse Recovery Services Ltd
Tel: 01304 843011
Email elaine@eclipserecovery.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Roadside Assistance Mechanics
LOCATION:
Dover
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Eclipse Recovery Services Ltd
TO APPLY:
Eclipse Recovery Services Ltd
Tel: 01304 843011
Email elaine@eclipserecovery.co.uk

NOT FOR PROFIT, CHARITIES

JOB TITLE:
Head of Communications
LOCATION:
Sittingbourne
SALARY:
Competitive with car, phone and broadband access from home
COMPANY:
Demelza House
TO APPLY:
Recruitment Line
Demelza House
Tel: 01795 845295
Email info@demelza.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
23rd January, 2007

NURSING, MEDICINE, CARE WORK

JOB TITLE:
Care Assistant
LOCATION:
Herne Bay
SALARY:
£5.92 per hour basic, £6.57 (Additional 20p per hour for NVQ qualified)
COMPANY:
Strode Park Foundation
TO APPLY:
Strode Park Foundation
Tel: 01227 373292
Email recruitment@strodepark.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
01 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Care Assistant - Full/Part Time
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
High View Oast Nursing Home
TO APPLY:
Sheelagh Sanford
High View Oast Nursing Home
Tel: 01304 813333
Email highviewoast@new-meronden.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Care Assistants
LOCATION:
Isle of Sheppey
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Little Oyster Residential Home
TO APPLY:
Little Oyster Residential Home
Email chriskite@blueyonder.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Community Drug Workers
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
£20,736 - £26,835 (SCP 25 - 33)
COMPANY:
KCA (UK)
TO APPLY:
KCA (UK)
Tel: 01795 590635
Email marina@kca.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
1st February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Day Programme Workers
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
£20,736 - £25,320 (SCP 25 - 31)
COMPANY:
KCA (UK)
TO APPLY:
KCA (UK)
Tel: 01795 590635
Email marina@kca.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday 25th January 2008

JOB TITLE:
Experienced Registered Nurse
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Ashley Down Nursing Home
Good communication skills required for a 19 bed nursing home in Gravesend.
TO APPLY:
Diane Willard
Ashley Down Nursing Home
Tel: 01474 363638/07841 159444
Email ashley.down1@btinternet.com

JOB TITLE:
Female Senior Support Worker
LOCATION:
Sittingbourne
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Forward Care
TO APPLY:
Administrative Manager / Christine Morgan
Forward Care
Tel: 01795 841220
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Female Support Worker
LOCATION:
Sittingbourne
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Forward Care
TO APPLY:
Administrative Manager / Christine Morgan
Forward Care
Tel: 01795 841220
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Flexi Staff
LOCATION:
Whitstable
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
St Martins Residential Home
TO APPLY:
Joanne or Tracy
St Martins Residential Home
Tel: 01227 261340
Email stmartins@btconnect.com

JOB TITLE:
Flexi Staff
LOCATION:
Herne Bay
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Broomfield Lodge
Days and Nights.
TO APPLY:
Joanne or Tracy
Broomfield Lodge
Tel: 01227 261340
Email stmartins@btconnect.com

JOB TITLE:
Full Time Carer
LOCATION:
Whitstable
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
St Martins Residential Home
TO APPLY:
Joanne or Tracy
St Martins Residential Home
Tel: 01227 261340
Email stmartins@btconnect.com

JOB TITLE:
Full time Support Workers
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
White Rose Care Home
To work on rota. Excellent working conditions and good rates of pay.
TO APPLY:
Lucy - White Rose Care Home
Tel: 01227 713883
Email ian@whiterosecare.com

JOB TITLE:
Lead Nurse - Full time
LOCATION:
Faversham
SALARY:
Excellent salary
COMPANY:
Cooksditch House Nursing & Residential Homes
TO APPLY:
Cooksditch House Nursing & Residential Homes
Email cilsley@onetel.com

JOB TITLE:
Male Senior Suppot Worker
LOCATION:
Sheerness
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Forward Care
TO APPLY:
Administrative Manager / Christine Morgan
Forward Care
Tel: 01795 841220
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Nurses and Carers
LOCATION:
Kings Hill
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Bayada Nurses Ltd
TO APPLY:
Bayada Nurses Ltd
Tel: 01732 523442
Email info@bayada.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Qualified Nursery Nurse
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
Main Scale (depending on experience)
COMPANY:
Chantry Primary School
TO APPLY:
Chantry Primary School
Email headteacher@chantry.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
Tuesday 12th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Registered Nurse
LOCATION:
Herne Bay
SALARY:
Salary Range: £16,640 - £35,636
COMPANY:
Strode Park Foundation
TO APPLY:
Strode Park Foundation
Tel: 01227 373 292
Email recruitment@strodepark.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
01 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Senior Support Workers
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
CareTech Community Services
TO APPLY:
Siobhan
CareTech Community Services
Tel: 01303 227371
Email rachel.austen@caretech-uk.com

JOB TITLE:
Service Manager - Prescribing Service
LOCATION:
Medway
SALARY:
£28,919 - £37,543 (SCP 36 - 46)
COMPANY:
KCA (UK)
TO APPLY:
KCA (UK)
Tel: 01795 590635
Email marina@kca.org.uk

JOB TITLE:
Service Manager - Prescribing Service
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
£28,919 - £37,543 (SCP 36 - 46)
COMPANY:
KCA (UK)
TO APPLY:
KCA (UK)
Tel: 01795 590635
Email marina@kca.org.uk

JOB TITLE:
Structured Psycho-Social Interventions Service Counselling Co-ordinator
LOCATION:
Sittingbourne
SALARY:
£22,122 - £28,172 (SCP 27 - 35)
COMPANY:
KCA (UK)
TO APPLY:
KCA (UK)
Tel: 01795 590635
Email marina@kca.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
25th January 2008

JOB TITLE:
Structured Psycho-Social Interventions Service Counselling Co-ordinator
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
£22,122 - £28,172 (SCP 27 - 35)
COMPANY:
KCA (UK)
TO APPLY:
KCA (UK)
Tel: 01795 590635
Email marina@kca.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
25th January 2008

JOB TITLE:
Support Workers
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
CareTech Community Services
TO APPLY:
Siobhan
CareTech Community Services
Tel: 01303 227371
Email rachel.austen@caretech-uk.com

PUBLIC RELATIONS, MEDIA, JOURNALISM

JOB TITLE:
News Editor
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
£26,000 with extra opportunities
COMPANY:
Downs Mail
TO APPLY:
Downs Mail
Email dfowle2011@aol.com

PUBLIC SECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES

JOB TITLE:
Bereavement Counselling Training Programme
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Medway PCT (Wisdom Hospice)
TO APPLY:
Lesley Trott (between 9.00am and 1.30pm)
Medway PCT
(Wisdom Hospice)
Tel: 01634 830456
Email lesley.trott@medwaypct.nhs.uk

JOB TITLE:
Community Drug and Alcohol Worker - Susbtance Misusing Parents Project
LOCATION:
Dover
SALARY:
Salary £25,320 - £28,172 (SCP 31 - 35) pro rata - 12.3 hours per week
COMPANY:
KCA (UK)
TO APPLY:
Vanessa Spink
KCA (UK)
Tel: 01795 590635 or 07921 700585
Email marina@kca.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday 25th January 2008

JOB TITLE:
Support and Guidance Coordinator
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
Circa £25,000 pa
COMPANY:
Spires Academy
TO APPLY:
Spires Academy
Email m.wigington@spiresacademy.com
CLOSING DATE
Thursday 24th January 2008 at noon

JOB TITLE:
Treatment Manager
LOCATION:
Isle of Sheppey
SALARY:
Starting Salary £28,366
COMPANY:
Rapt
TO APPLY:
Rapt
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
Thursday 24th January 2008

RETAIL, WHOLESALE, SALES

JOB TITLE:
Merchandiser/Trainee Sales Representative
LOCATION:
Dartford
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Bellegrove Ceramics plc
TO APPLY:
Christine Williams
Bellegrove Ceramics plc
Tel: 01322 277877
Email christine.williams@bellegroveceramics.plc.uk

JOB TITLE:
Parts / Sales Person
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Foundry (The)
TO APPLY:
Foundry (The) - Tel: 01227 378430
Email info@robinsonsfoundry.co.uk

TRANSPORT, LOGISTICS, AVIATION

JOB TITLE:
Quality/Logistics Engineer
LOCATION:
Herne Bay
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Flexicon (Europe) Ltd
TO APPLY:
The personnel Dept
Flexicon (Europe) Ltd
Email personnel@flexicon.co.uk

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(In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)
(Company No: 5768536)
Notice is hereby given that we, Andrew Tate and Nedim Ailyan of Abbott Fielding, Nexus House, 2 Cray Road, Sidcup, Kent DA14 5DB were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company by the members and creditors on 9 January 2008.
Dated: 9 January 2008
Andrew Tate and Nedim Ailyan,
Joint Liquidators

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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS
An application has been made by Mrs Ann Huggins of Chlodean, Sexburga Drive, Minster on Sea, Sheerness to Kent County Council, to grant an approval for a ceremony at this premise.
The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper.
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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS
An application has been made by Miss Jolene Truder of Laredo, Three Gates Road, Fawkham to Kent County Council, to grant an approval for a ceremony at this premise.
The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper.
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Healthcare Commission

Healthcare Commission

Invites you to a meeting in public
Date: Thursday 24 January
Time: 10am – 1pm
Place: Healthcare Commission, Finsbury Tower, 103-105 Bunhill Road, London EC1Y 8TG

Members of the public are welcome to attend and ask questions at the end of the meeting.

A buffet lunch will be available.

If you wish to attend or for further information please contact: June Cameron on 020 7448 9285, fax: 020 7448 9311 or via email: june.cameron@healthcarecommission.org.uk

The papers for the meeting will be available on our website (www.healthcarecommission.org.uk) 4 days before the meeting.

Highways - Borough of Ashford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(SWAIN ROAD, TENTERDEN)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Swain Road, Tenterden from junction of Ox Lane and Harbourne Lane on or after 21 January 2008 for an estimated period of up to 6 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for eastbound traffic via Ashford Road (A28), Church Hill, Harbourne Lane, Swain Road and for westbound traffic vice versa.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Stuart Kelly of Morrison Utility Services on 01233 714082.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(LONG HILL, ASHFORD)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Long Hill between the junctions of the A252 Maidstone Road to New Cut Road on or after Monday 21 January 2008 for an estimated period of up to 1 week or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for southbound traffic on Long Hill is via New Cut Road, the A252 Maidstone Road, with northbound being vice versa.

Mid Kent Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are to lay new water mains. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Nicola Stone on 01634 873290.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(GODINTON ROAD, ASHFORD)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the Godinton Road slip road, Ashford between West Street and Elwick Road on or after 21st January 2008 for an estimated period of four weeks, or until such BT diversion works are complete and a further forty weeks, or until such road construction works are complete, at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via New Street (heading westwards away from the Somerset Road junction), Chart Road (southwards), Carlton Road (eastwards) and through the Carlton Road Busgate onto Godinton Road.

Date: 20th January 2008

Highways - District of Canterbury

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(SOUTH STREET, WHITSTABLE)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of new electricity supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on South Street, Whitstable from the junction with Rayham Road to the junction with Virginia Road on or after 28 January 2008 for an estimated period of three days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via South Street, Millstrood Road, A2990 Thanet Way, Clover Rise, Grasmere Road and Virginia Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(MERCERY LANE, CANTERBURY)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because gas mains replacement works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Mercery Lane, Canterbury from the junction with The Parade to junction with Burgate on or after 4 February 2008 for an estimated period of four weeks or until such works are complete.

Access will be maintained for deliveries only.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, CANTERBURY)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because BT cabling and desilting works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Canterbury as described in column 1 of Schedule to this order on or after 28 January 2008 for an estimated period of two weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via The alternative route for each road described in column 1 of the Schedule to this order is described in column 3 of that Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Specified Road	length of road affected	alternative routes	Programmed date
Phase 1			
Wick Lane, Womenswold.	From its junction with the A2 Dover Road to its junction with Firs Road.	Eastbound via A2 Dover Road, West Court Road, West Court Lane and Woolage Green Road. Westbound via Forstal Road, Nethersole Road, Snowdon Road, Adisham Road, Box Iron Road and A2 Dover Road.	28 January 2008 for up to 5 days between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm only.
Phase 2			
Firs Road, Womenswold.	From its junction with Wick Lane to its junction with Forstal Road.	Wick Lane and Woolage Green Road.	4 February 2008 for up to 5 days between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm only.

Highways - Borough of Gravesham

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
A289 WAINSCOTT BYPASS, HIGHAM
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on A289 Wainscott Bypass between A226 Gravesend Road and the A2/M2 interchange except for access to M2 coast bound.

The Order will become effective on 4th February 2008, with works taking place for three weekends 9th and 10th, 16th and 17th, and 23rd and 24th February2008, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via:

From M2 junction 1: A289 to A226 Gravesend Road through Higham, Shorne, Chalk into Gravesend Town Centre, then A227 Wrotham Road to rejoin A2 at old Tollgate Hotel junction.

From A289 Wainscott Bypass: A226 Gravesend Road through Higham, Shorne, Chalk into Gravesend Town Centre, then A227 Wrotham Road to rejoin A2 at old Tollgate Hotel junction.

The purpose of the closure is to assist the Highway Agency when the A2 is closed for the removal of a bridge in the Thong Lane area.

Highways - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(WAGON LANE, YALDING & BELTRING LEVEL CROSSING, YALDING)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic at the railway level crossings on both Beltring Level Crossing, Yalding and Wagon Lane, Yalding. The Beltring Level Crossing closure will be in operation between 23.30hrs Saturday 9 February 2008 and 07:00hrs Sunday 10 February 2008. The Wagon Lane closure will be in operation between 06:00hrs Sunday 24 February 2008 and 05:00hrs Monday 25 February 2008 or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for eastbound traffic on Wagon Lane is via Maidstone Road, Lucks Lane, Queen Street with westbound being vice versa. The alternative route for westbound traffic on Beltring Level Crossing is via Gravelly Ways, Lees Road, Hampstead Lane, Maidstone Road B2015, A228, Branbridges Road, Beltring Road with eastbound being vice versa.

Network Rail apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for track maintenance purposes, should you require any further information regarding these works, the contact is Roger Casement of Roger Casement Traffic Management Services on 01227 366000.

Highways - District of Sevenoaks

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
EMMETTS LANE, IDE HILL
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Emmetts Lane, Ide Hill for its entire length.

The Order will become effective on 4th February 2008, for a period of 5 days, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: New Road, A25 High Street, Chart Lane

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate essential vegetation works by the National Trust.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
HARTLEY BOTTOM ROAD, HARTLEY
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Hartley Bottom Road, Hartley around the property known as White Cottage.

The Order will become effective on 21st January 2008, for a period of up to seven days or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Hartley Bottom Road, Grange Lane, Church Road, Hartley Hill, Hartley Bottom Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Water Service Connection works on Behalf of Mid Kent Water.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
ENSFIELD ROAD, LEIGH
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Ensfield Road, Leigh between Well Close and Hayesden Lane.

The Order will become effective on 21st January 2008, with works commencing 23rd January 2008 for a period of three days or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Hayesden Lane, Penshurst Road (Entire Length between Penshurst and Leigh), High Street, Leigh.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Carriageway Resurfacing and Road Marking works by Kent Highway Services.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
PILGRIMS WAY, KEMSING
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Pilgrims Way, Kemsing between its junctions with Rowdow and Childsbridge Lane.

The Order will become effective on 21st January 2008, for a period of 2 weeks between the hours of 09:30 and 15:00 or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Pilgrims Way East, A225 Station Road, A225 Sevenoaks Road, A225 Otford Road, A25 Seal Road, A25 High Street, School Lane, Childsbridge Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Carriageway Patching works by Kent Highway Services.

Highways - District of Thanet

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(WAY HILL, RAMSGATE)
(ONE WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2008

NOTICE is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1) and (2), 2(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order will have the following effect:-

WAY HILL - RAMSGATE to become one way north east bound (i.e. towards the junction with Thorne Hill/A299 Thanet Way) for a distance of 10 metres from the junction with A299 Thanet Way.

This Order is being promoted to prevent confusion and conflicts for road users at the junction of Thorne Hill/Way Hill and A299 which has a poor crash history.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of the council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the Council Offices, Cecil Street Ramsgate during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Kent Highway Services, 2 Beer Cart Lane, Canterbury CT1 2NN, or by FAX to the Transportation Manager on Canterbury 464765 or by email to kent.highwayservices@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 11 February 2008.

For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee, Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

Highways - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
A26 TONBRIDGE ROAD, WATERINGBURY & BOW ROAD, WATERINGBURY
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION & RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on A26 Tonbridge Road, Wateringbury between its junctions with Bow Road and A228 Malling Road.

This Order will also suspend all parking on Bow Road from its junction with A26 Tonbridge Road for a distance of 627 metres to its junction with Waterside Mews between the hours of 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday.

The Order will become effective on 4th February 2008, for a period of 8 weeks or, until completion of the planned works. These closures and restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the route described above will be via:

For Vehicles weighing less than 7.5 Tonnes: Bow Road, Maidstone Road, A228 Seven Mile Lane, and A228 Malling Road.

For Vehicles weighing more than 7.5 Tonnes: From Rocky Hill, Maidstone, A20 London Road, A228 Ashton Way, A228 King Hill, A228 Malling Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the installation of a new gas main. Access will be maintained as much as possible at all times for residents.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
A20 LONDON ROAD, WROTHAM
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic travelling at speeds in excess of 30mph on A20 London Road, Wrotham.

The Order will become effective on 4th February 2008, for a period of 2 weeks, or, until completion of the planned works. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The purpose of the speed limit restriction is to ensure a safe working environment for carriageway re-conditioning works by Kent Highway Services.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
REDWELL LANE, IGHTHAM
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Redwell Lane Ightham between its junctions with Ismays Road and Old Lane.

The Order will become effective on 4th February 2008, for a period of 1 week, or, until completion of the planned works. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Redwell Lane, Common Road, Sandy Lane, Ismays Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the installation of a new electrical supply to Redwell Cottages.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
A227 TONBRIDGE ROAD, IGHTHAM
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on A227 Tonbridge Road, Ightham between Back Lane and Ismays Road. This order will also prohibit vehicles travelling at a speed exceeding 30mph on A227 Tonbridge Road between its junctions with Rectory Lane and High Cross Road.

The Order will become effective on 21st January 2008, with works commencing 26th January 2008. The prohibition of all vehicles will be in place for a period of seven consecutive 48hr weekends and the speed restriction will be in place for 44 days between the hours of 09:00 and 16:00 or, until completion of the planned works. These closures and restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: A228 Bates Hill, Borough Green Road, A25 Ightham Bypass, Sevenoaks Road, A25 Bourne Vale Road, A224 Amhurst Hill, A225 Tonbridge Road

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Carriageway Strengthening works by Kent Highway Services.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
BASTED LANE/PLOUGH HILL, BOROUGH GREEN
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Basted Lane from its junction with Thong Lane to its junction with Mill Lane and Plough Hill from its junction with Mill Lane to its junction with Claygate Cross.

The Order will become effective on 21st January 2008, with works taking place from the 24th January, for a period of 3 days, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Claygate Cross, Winfield Lane, Crowhurst Lane, Thong Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Carriageway Resurfacing works by Kent Highway Services.

Highways - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(FURNACE LANE, LAMBERHURST)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Furnace lane, Lamberhurst on or after Monday 21st January 2008 for an estimated period of 12 Weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative routes for the route described above are for westbound traffic via Spray Hill, High Street, Town Hill and The Slade and eastbound traffic vice versa.

Mid Kent Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to allow for a new water main, and should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Nicola Stone of Mid Kent Water on 01634 873290.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS IN THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND WAITING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto.

The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto is described in Column 2 of that Schedule.

The Order will come into operation on Saturday 16th. February 2008 and will be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is sooner. The works are scheduled to commence on or after Wednesday 16th. February 2008 and are programmed for completion within an estimated period of four weeks.

SCHEDULE 1

The affected routes (Column 1)	The alternative routes (Column 2)
A262 Goudhurst Road, Cranbrook from A229 Angley Road to B2085 Glassenbury Road. When required 24 hours per day Sunday to Saturday.	Westbound traffic via A229 Angley Road/Hartley Road and B2085 Glassenbury Road. Eastbound traffic vice versa.
U1384 Reynolds Lane, Tunbridge Wells from Speldhurst Road to Culverden Down. When required 24 hours per day Sunday to Saturday.	Northbound traffic via C45 Speldhurst Road, A26 St. Johns Road and Culverden Down. Southbound traffic vice versa.
U1118 Greggs Wood Road, Tunbridge Wells from Sherwood Road to Lipstraps Lane. When required 24 hours per day Sunday to Saturday.	Northbound traffic via Sherwood Road, Sandhurst Road, Birken Road and Lipstraps Lane. Southbound traffic vice versa.
B2176 Penshurst Road, Penshurst from High Street, Bidborough to Barden Road. When required 24 hours per day Sunday to Saturday.	Westbound traffic via B2176 Bidborough Ridge, A26 London Road/ St. Johns Road, A264 Mount Ephraim/ Bishops Down/Langton Road/Ashurst Road, B2188 Fordcombe Road/Spring Hill/Saints Hill/New Road/Fordcombe Road and B2176 Rogues Hill. Eastbound traffic vice versa.
U1135 High Street, Bidborough from B2176 Penshurst Road to Franks Hollow Road. When required 24 hours per day Sunday to Saturday. traffic vice versa.	Northbound traffic via Franks Hollow Road, Stocklands Green Road, Speldhurst Hill, Barden Road and B2176 Penshurst Road. Southbound

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

Order will only be effective when appropriate signs are displayed.

For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee, Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: The White Horse, The Street, Boughton
Applicant: Mrs Sharon Williams

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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Kent County Council

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: Little Hermitage, Gravesend Road, Higham
Applicant: Mrs Geraldene Cox

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: Cooper Crown Inn, The Street, Finglesham
Applicant: Mrs Jackie Cooper

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: The Devils Kneading Trough Restaurant, Wye Downs, Hastingleigh, Ashford
Applicant: Mr Dean Combs

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: Swarling Manor, Petham, Canterbury
Applicant: Dr Christopher Lamb

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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Kia's drive to Proceed features mix of tricks

KIA has learned the tricks of European car makers astonishingly quickly and conjured a few surprises of its own.

We will see proof of this when the Kia Proceed arrives in February; it is the three-door spin-off from the Korean marque's five-door Ford Focus rival, the Ceed.

But in the best European practice of now creating different identities for three and five-door versions of the same car, the Proceed has a leaner and sportier look – certainly enough to justify the name tweak, set to take on extra significance when a hot version arrives later.

By **STEVE LOADER**

Kia's own extra spin is to slap the same seven-year warranty on the Proceed as it did with the Ceed itself, at a time when three years is still the norm in the UK and Europe.

The Proceed is longer, lower and lighter than its five-door sister car, but built in the same state-of-the-art factory in Slovakia – just over the border from a twin plant in the Czech Republic producing the Ceed/Proceed sister model, the i30, for Kia's owner Hyundai.

The new Proceed's extra length is due to a longer snout, shallower grille, different headlamps, a wider and lower bumper with prominent lip spoiler, a deeper air intake and larger fog lights.

The car's racier profile comes from a shallower windscreen, 30mm lower roof and the longer doors required of a three-door hatch.

All versions have a prominent exhaust pipe to go with the sporty style and buyers will be offered a Sports Pack comprising 17-inch alloys, stiffer dampers, 'tyre-track' pattern fabric and silver stitching, alloy pedals and stainless-steel door-scuff plates.

Inevitably, the three-door layout has forced a compromise: so while rear headroom is good for this sector, Kia has fixed the rear seat cushion so that the backs fold onto it rather than fully flat.

However, it will have the same array of five Euro4-emission compliant engines already offered on the existing Ceed and estate models, with the 1.6 diesel likely to be the pick.

Prices have yet to be confirmed, but expect them to be even more tempting than the £10,995 entry marker on the Ceed line-up.

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Passat CC spin-off to tackle Mercedes star

THIS is the forthcoming VW model that says to Mercedes: "Anything you can do…"

It is VW's rakish upmarket version of the Passat called, confusingly, the CC –initials that have tended to be applied to coupe convertibles – and clearly takes its design cues from the elegant Mercedes CLS four-door coupe.

The big Merc has exploited a new niche catering for well-heeled drivers who want prestige and space in a sporty looking package.

Once content to leave niche markets to others, VW has been muscling in of late and it is easy to see how the CC would also act as an uplifting 'halo model' for overall Passat sales and image.

The CC will not be here until the summer, but dealers can anticipate a lot of forward interest.

The car will be loaded with safety features and the luxurious four-seat interior will be enhanced by a large, panoramic roof.

VW promises refinement and a rewarding drive and three petrol and two diesel engines will be offered with a 297bhp 3.6-litre V6 petrol engine and all-wheel drive as the flagship powertrain – this combination will deliver 0-62 mph in 5.6 seconds.

Prices and specifications have yet to be announced.

French holdalls get makeover

CITROEN and Peugeot dealers welcome upgraded versions of the twin French marques' supersize people carriers, the 807 and C8 (pictured) ranges.

Not only have both vehicles gained visual tweaks, but they are also now available in flagship trim with the sporting 2.2-litre twin-turbo HDi 170 engine already seen in some sister models.

The new 170bhp low emission engine option is available with an adaptive six-speed 'Porsche Tiptronic System' automatic transmission

The new Peugeot 807 and Citroën C8 ranges start at £19,695.



New Audi A4 puts BMW on the spot

AUDI'S all-new A4 executive saloon arrives in February and is expected to give BMW's all-conquering 3-Series the toughest battle it has ever had in the sector.

Priced from £22,590, the A4 has the longest wheelbase in its class to enhance the size of the cabin and also has more steering feedback than before.

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Car sales in 2007 drive away gloomy forecasts

by STEVELOADER

DOOM laden forecasts for the economy in 2007 failed to prevent the car industry from posting a welcome 2.5 per cent rise in registrations over the previous year.

The 2.4 million total prompted cautious optimism from the industry with 2008 expected to register a slight drop to 2.34 million cars.

Dealers' spokesperson Sue Robinson of the Retail Motor Industry Federation said: "The increase in new car sales in 2007 shows that consumer confidence weathered the economic storms, but interest rates must come down in 2008 for this level of demand to continue."

Demand

Chiefs at the industry's Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) were more positive with chief executive Paul Everitt saying: "There is little sign that the US credit crisis or rising fuel prices have affected demand and we foresee only limited changes through 2008.

The UK economy currently remains resilient and the new car market is ultra-competitive. Car makers will continue to fight hard for every sale and consumers will benefit from unprecedented choice and excellent deals."

Despite calling on the Government and Bank of England to help combat high interest rates, the RMI's Robinson was realistic about the buying pattern for 2008: "Smaller family cars and superminis will be high on the agenda, as families look for vehicles which are more economical to run and are more positive for the environment."



TOP CHOICE: The Ford Focus was Britain's No1 seller for a ninth year in a row

Economy and 'green-ness' are already influencing UK registrations: the more fuel-efficient and clean diesel engine – modern diesels emit 95 per cent less soot than 15 years ago – took a record 40.2 per cent of new car sales in '07, while 'supermini' and small family car demand rose by 17,729 and 25,084 units respectively.

The average new car CO2 figure also fell again, down 1.4 per cent year on year to 164.9 g/km and adding to a 13.1 per cent drop since 1997.

More significant for the year ahead though was: a 5.3 per cent increase in new cars sold with sub-120g/km CO2 emissions - the highest ever and 2.5 times the rate recorded in 2002.

Under 140g/km models claimed 23.3 per cent of sales in 2007, almost six times the rate recorded in 1997.

Despite a healthy upturn in fortunes overalls, some motor brands will be glad to see the back of 2007; Jaguar/Daimler saw sales plummet 19 per cent against a backdrop of uncertainty as owner Ford decided to sell the company, Renault and Japanese partner Nissan also lost sales (8.17 and 3.95 respectively).

Chrysler and Jeep's lost volumes (20.98 and 8.69 respectively) look grim too until you recall that Chrysler Group has concentrated on launching the Dodge sister brand (up 51.39 per cent).

Korean partners Hyundai and Kia will be disappointed by 16.36 and 17.99 falls, but both are amid rapid and dramatic range updates – the decline is likely to be short term.

Of the winners, the star was Audi with a 17.98 increase in sales that can only soar further in 2008 with the launch of the all-new A4 model. However, like its rival BMW (up 5.15 per cent), it may worry that new ubiquity could soon contradict its exclusive image.

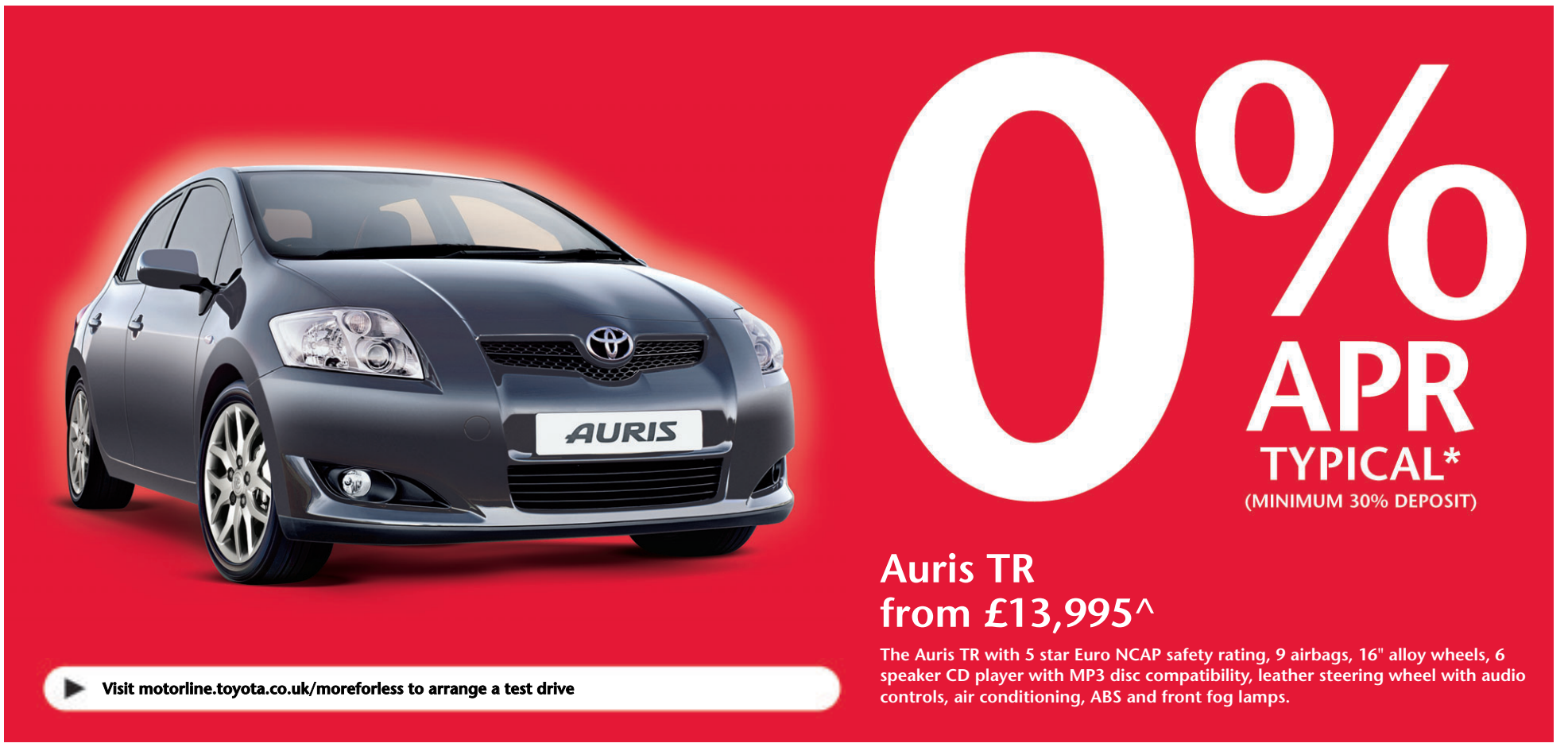
BMW's MINI arm had a stunning year too (up 25.36) and General Motors also had a good one; key brand Vauxhall recorded a healthy 9.83 rise and value brand Chevrolet shot up 27.64, but this was from a low base.

The same could be said of Italy's Alfa Romeo – the 40.12 per cent increase looks good until assessed against modest sales of 7,355 and a .31 per cent market share.

Britain's top selling cars 2007

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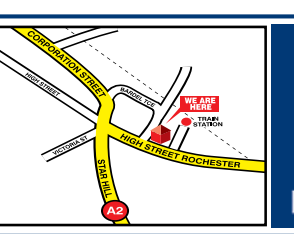
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Jeep's new 4x4 to make patriots of hatch buyers



DrivingReview



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JeepPatriot

JEEP has an all-new entry model that upholds the finest 4x4 tradition of the brand and is so cheap that even would-be buyers of everyday family hatchbacks should check it out.

Admittedly, it is saddled with a gormless name: Patriot does not evoke an awful lot to UK buyers apart from reminding them of how villainously we Brits were portrayed in Mel Gibson's 2000 film The Patriot.

Set during the American War of Independence, when the colonists had a problem with our tea, it was an equally dubious historical account, which followed Gibson's blockbuster Braveheart, aka Fanciful Variations on the Life of William Wallace.

Then again, British buyers offended by the new Jeep's connection with the Aussie star turned US citizen, might forget it when faced with the Patriot's incredible £15,995 lead-in price – not that the 2.4 petrol entry model is worth dwelling on.

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With a Volkswagen-sourced turbodiesel and slick six-speed manual gearbox, this model can be hustled along brilliantly on-road and – as I found at last year's launch event – tackle seriously tough terrain by using the fully-lockable 'Freedom Drive' four-wheel drive transmission.

It is not in the same league as Jeep's bigger kit, such as the legendary Wrangler or the chunky Commander, but it does not shame the brand – not bad for a proper 4x4 selling for the price of a well-spec'd family hatch and capable of delivering a decent drive and a smooth ride.

Nevertheless, it is more likely to be mentioned in the same breath as the budget 4x4s in our list of possible rivals, though few of these match the Patriot's all-round ability on and off road.

It is also likely to prove long-lived; Jeep's Chrysler Group parent claims the newcomer is one of the best-built cars it has ever produced, thanks to a quality drive launched during its now defunct merger with the DaimlerBenz Group.

At the same time, the interior is well below par for the sector. Admittedly, the durability of plastics used and the way the dashboard and door trimming fits together is far superior to the awful job done on Chrysler Group's Dodge Caliber – a car to shun now that the Patriot has arrived – it still looks tacky compared with European, Japanese and even Korean rivals.

Looking on the bright side though, I can see that the materials used make it easier to remove the chocolate and sticky sweets, plus juice and wee stains that have disfigured our ageing Toyota RAV-4 'kiddie wagon'.

Practical

The layout is fairly practical too, with lots of stowage bins and cup holders and even a flip-up MP3 player slot in the armrest, conveniently situated for plugging into the centre console's 12v socket.

The seats are mounted high despite the Patriot's comparatively modest height for this class and also comfortable, with enough lateral support for yomping across the rough stuff.

However, the car is more 4.5-seater than full five-seater, even if the utilitarian 4x4 estate styling delivers good rear legroom and headroom.

Boot space is also restricted by the extra transmission and underfloor spare, but folding the 60/30 split rear seats opens up lots of load carrying flexibility.

Yes, the Patriot is a pugnacious character, but it is not going to break the bank and while demand for full-size 4x4s is reeling under the onslaught of spiralling fuel prices – and the heated 'green debate' it makes a convincing alternative – it looks the part while averaging 40mpg.

DrivingStats

- Jeep Patriot 2.0CRD Sport £16,995.
- Range: £15,995-18,795.
- Garage stats: 4.41m by 1.78m five-door 4x4 estate/SUV.
- Powertrain: 1,968cc/138bhp four-cylinder turbodiesel driving all-four wheels through a six-speed gearbox.
- Performance: top speed 117mph and 0-62mph in 11 seconds.
- How green?: category-E and 180g per km CO2 emissions.
- Official fuel figures: combined 42.2mpg.
- Euro NCAP safety rating (0-5 stars): n/a
- Fuel tank: 51.1 litres/11.2 gallons.
- Insurance group: 11E.
- Warranty: three years/60,000 miles.
- Website: www.jeep.co.uk
- Rivals: Daihatsu Terios, Dodge Nitro, Fiat Sedici, Honda CR-V, Hyundai Tucson, Jeep Compass, Kia Sportage, Nissan Qashqai or X-Trail, Suzuki SX4 or Grand Vitara.

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03	2003	FABIA COMFORT 1.4 MPI	19K	CANDY WHITE	£5,690
03	2003	FABIA COMFORT 1.4 MPI	48K	ADMIRAL BLUE	£4,990
04	2004	FABIA COMFORT 1.4 16V	29K	GRAPHITE GREY	£6,490
05	2005	FABIA AMBIENTE 1.4 16V		CORRIDA RED	£6,990
05	2005	FABIA AMBIENTE 1.4 16V		BLACK MAGIC	£6,990
55	2006	FABIA ELEGANCE 1.4 16V	29K	HIGHLAND GREEN	£8,490
55	2005	FABIA ELEGANCE 1.9 TDI	24K	DIAMOND SILVER	£9,990
53	2003	FABIA BLUELINE 1.2 12V	31K	ADMIRAL BLUE	£5,790
55	2005	FABIA VRS 1.9 TDI	27K	BLACK MAGIC	£9,990
06	2006	FABIA VRS 1.9 TDI	11K	CORRIDA RED	£10,990
56	2007	FABIA VRS 1.9 TDI	5K	CORRIDA RED	£11,490
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07	2007	FABIA 1 1.2 12V	1K	SATIN GREY	£8,990
57	2007	FABIA 1 1.2 12V		FLAMENCO RED	£8,990
57	2007	FABIA 1 1.2 12V		TANGERINE ORANGE	£8,990
07	2007	FABIA 1 1.4 TDI	2K	BLACK MAGIC	£10,490
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57	2007	FABIA 2 1.2 12V		HIGHLAND GREEN	£9,990

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Plate	Year	Model	Mileage	Colour	Price
53	2003	FABIA CLASSIC 1.4 MPI	57K	LEMON YELLOW	£4,790
51	2001	FABIA COMFORT 1.9 TDI	68K	CAYENNE RED	£5,290
05	2005	FABIA AMBIENTE 1.9 SDI	33K	FLAMENCO RED	£7,990
06	2006	FABIA ELEGANCE 1.4 16V	21K	GRAPHITE GREY	£9,490
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Plate	Year	Model	Mileage	Colour	Price
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07	2007	ROOMSTER 1 1.4 16V	2K	DIAMOND SILVER	£10,990
07	2007	ROOMSTER 2 1.4 16V	2K	STORM BLUE	£10,490
07	2007	ROOMSTER 2 1.6 16V	3K	ANTHRACITE GREY	£10,990
07	2007	ROOMSTER 2 1.6 16V		OCEAN BLUE	£11,490
57	2007	ROOMSTER 2 1.6 16V		ANTHRACITE GREY	£12,290
57	2007	ROOMSTER 2 1.6 16V		FLAMENCO RED	£12,290
07	2007	ROOMSTER 3 1.4 16V	3K	OCEAN BLUE	£11,490

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Plate	Year	Model	Mileage	Colour	Price
54	2005	OCTAVIA CLASSIC 1.9 TDI	16K	GRAPHITE GREY	£7,990
07	2007	OCTAVIA CLASSIC 1.9 TDI		CANDY WHITE	£11,990
56	2006	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.6 FSI	10K	DIAMOND SILVER	£11,490
07	2007	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 2.0 FSI	3K	SATIN GREY	£12,490
54	2004	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI	31K	STONE GREY	£9,490
54	2004	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI	27K	GRAPHITE GREY	£9,990
54	2004	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI	29K	SAHARA BEIGE	£9,690
56	2006	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI	8K	BLACK MAGIC	£12,490
07	2007	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI	5K	STORM BLUE	£12,490
07	2007	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 2.0 TDI	3K	STORM BLUE	£14,490
03	2003	OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 1.9 TDI	71K	MAGIC BLACK	£5,990
54	2004	OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 1.9 TDI	22K	MAGIC BLACK	£9,490
06	2006	OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 FSI	11K	DIAMOND SILVER	£13,990
07	2007	OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 FSI	1K	RACE BLUE	£16,490
07	2007	OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 FSI	4K	CORRIDA RED	£15,490
07	2007	OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 TDI		RACE BLUE	£17,490
57	2007	OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 TDI	1K	CORRIDA RED	£18,790

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Plate	Year	Model	Mileage	Colour	Price
07	2007	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.6 FSI		CAPPUCCINO BEIGE	£13,990
57	2007	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 2.0 TDI		SATIN GREY	£17,490
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Plate	Year	Model	Mileage	Colour	Price
05	2005	SUPERB COMFORT 1.9 TDI	11K	SAHARA BEIGE	£10,990
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A2, SE 5dr, climate control, remote alarm, remote central locking, power steering, anti-theft system, folding rear seats, radio cassette, uk specification, uk supplied, 16'' alloys, aluminium silver, 66440 miles, £5999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

A3, 2003, 3x3 point rear seat belts abs alarm climate control cruise control electric door mirrorsheated door mirrors immobiliser pas steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment traction control, silver, 48394 miles, £9995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

TT 1.8, QUATTRO, 2000, silver, 57947 miles, £9995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

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CONTINENTAL GT, 2005, arena red metallic with saddle leather interior, 28000 miles, £62950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

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3 SERIES, 323i, central locking, full leather, head restraints, power hood, abs, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, cd player, uk supplied, 17'' alloys, montreal blue met, 70000 miles, £5999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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3 SERIES, 330ci coupe manual individual, 2001, green metallic with green leather, 97000 miles, £7950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

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CHEVROLET

KALOS, SX 1.4, 502639, finished in poly silver with black cloth interior manual, black, 1000 miles, £7495, caffyns chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

MATIZ, 1.0SE, 509639, finished in jazz blue with blue interior manual, blue, 1000 miles, £5595, caffyns chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SE 1.0, 511639, finished in red with grey interior manual, grey, 41000 miles, £3995, caffyns chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

TACUMA, 1.6SX, 517639, finished in poly silver with silver interior manual, silver, 1000 miles, £8995, caffyns chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

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NEON, 2.0 LXI, 1995 (n), 95 (n) chrysler neon 2.0 lxi automatic, 5 door saloon, metallic green coachwork with contrasting grey velour trim, low mileage, service history, new mot, ew x 4, em, pas, air bags, original hi-fi, only 1 owner from new, metallic green, low mileage miles, £1695, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

CITROEN

C2, 1.1i Design 3dr, 2005, 1.1i design 3dr hatch, arctic steel, 16183 miles, £4995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

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ESPERO 2.0, 1996, silver, 59387 miles, £1495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

LACETTI, SX 1.6, finished in mint green with black interior manual, black, 0 miles, £4995, Caffyns Tumbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

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PUNTO, ELX JTD 1.9 3dr, nov 2001, two previous keepers, power steering, central locking, electric windows, 5 speed gearbox, part service history, radio/cassette, cd autochanger, twin airbags, abs brakes, engine immobiliser, sunroof, tinted glass, rear wash/wipe, adj. steering column, seat height adjuster, alloy wheels. gold metallic, 42,000 miles, £3,795, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 206710 (TRADE)

FORD

FIESTA, LX 5dr, 5552079, rear wash/wipe, central locking, electric front windows, air bag, radio cassette, power steering, sunroof, cloth upholstery, blue, 61500 miles, £2495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Flight 3dr, 5571079, sunroof, rear wash/wipe, central locking, cd player, radio, air bag, power steering, height adjustable seat, alloy wheels, red, 46000 miles, £2995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 TDCi LX 5dr CVT Auto [110] [Euro 4] (2006-20), 28/09/2006, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, black, 11199 miles, £10999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 LX 5dr (2005 - 2007), 22/03/2007, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, grey, 10850 miles, £9599, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 Sport 5dr [115] (2005 - 2007), 20/02/2007, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, grey, 12506 miles, £8999, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

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KA, 1.3i Zetec Clm 3dr H/b 70PS StgIV, moondust silver (metallic), 0 miles, £6500, Lifestyle Ford Tonbridge, Tonbridge, 0844 8446515 (TRADE)

KA, 1.3i Zetec Clm 3dr H/b 70PS StgIV, panther black (metallic), 0 miles, £6500, Lifestyle Ford Tonbridge, Tonbridge, 0844 8446515 (TRADE)

KA, Collection 3dr, central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, power steering, abs, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, uk specification, uk supplied, grey, 11847 miles, £6000, Lifestyle Ford Tonbridge, Tonbridge, 0844 8446515 (TRADE)

KA, 1.3i Zetec Climate 3dr, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, rear wash/wipe, metallic paintwork, abs, air bag, quick-clear screen, power steering, electric mirrors, folding rear seats, rear headrests, rear spoiler, uk specification, remote central locking, locking wheel nuts, 14'' alloys, silver, 0 miles, £6950, Lifestyle Ford Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 0844 8446514 (TRADE)

KA, 1.3i Zetec Climate 3dr, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, rear wash/wipe, metallic paintwork, quick-clear screen, abs, air bag, power steering, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, uk supplied, locking wheel nuts, remote central locking, electric mirrors, head restraints, height adjustable seat, folding rear seats, rear headrests, rear spoiler, uk specification, 14'' alloys, blue, 0 miles, £6950, Lifestyle Ford Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 0844 8446514 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 2.0 Ghia, 2002, stardust silver, 55000 miles, £4995, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 1.8 Mistral, 2004, tonic, 37854 miles, £6495, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 2.0 TDCi Ghia (130 PS), 2002, platinum silver, 53000 miles, £5995, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

MONDEO, LX 2.0 Tdci 130ps, 2005, platinum silver with charcoal high velour, 53000 miles, £7495, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

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MONDEO, LX 2.0TDCi 130ps Euro 4, 2006, panther black with charcoal high velour, 20000 miles, £9995, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

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ACCORD, 2.0 SE Saloon 4dr VTec, 04/2001, air conditioning alloy wheels cruise control power assisted steering service history, silver, 55000 miles, £3, 995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

ACCORD, VTEC Executive, a larm, immobiliser, remote entral locking, colour coded interior, full leather, centre armrest, electric seats, heated seats, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, adjustable steering column, cruise control, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, abs, child locks, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, headlamp jetwash, metallic paintwork, rain-sensing wipers, electric mirrors, electric windows, dual climate zones, electric sunroof, multi-disc cd player, alloy wheels, metallic blue, 53000 miles, £8990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

ACCORD, I-VTEC SE, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear headrests, electric mirrors, electric windows, height adjustable seat, cruise control, radio cassette, air conditioning, twin air bags, electric sunroof, rear armrest, abs, cloth upholstery, red, 56000 miles, £3695, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.8 I Vtec Sport, 5dr honda honda Tunbridge Wells drake & fletcher alabaster silver, 2007, 0 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £13980, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.8 I Vtec Sport, 436649, 5dr, grey, 2007, 0 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, grey, £14608, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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KIA

CARENS, 2.0 CRDi LX 5dr, 01/03/2003, cd player power steering, blue, 35265 miles, £4799, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

CARENS, 2.0 CRDi LE, 2006, insurance group 9 abs air conditioning body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser leather seats passenger airbag power steering radio/cd rear electric windows remote central locking roof rails steering wheel rake adjustment, cool silver, miles, £9995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)





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Cross-Channel services buoyed by rising figures



RIDING HIGH: Norfolkline has introduced three new state-ot-the-art ships

DOVER'S battle of the cross-Channel ferry services has hotted up as all three major operators ride a multi-million pound wave of big increases in capacity to meet rapidly rising demand.

SeaFrance has just bought a new vessel to replace two of its current six, P&O has added another ship to its service and is planning two more – all joining Norfolkline's three brand new purpose-built ships.

There's a new surge of passengers using the routes as many go green trying to avoid flying and shying away from the hassle of airport queues and delays.

French company SeaFrance is buying a high performance ferry, yet to be renamed, from French ferry company SNCM so it can offer its largest fleet capacity to date.

Built in 2002 and with a top speed of 27.1 knots, the ship, currently known as the Jean Nicoli, will be in service for this summer season following a refit. She will eventually replace the SeaFrance Renoir and the SeaFrance Manet and will offer a total capacity more than the combined capacity of the two outgoing vessels.

Robin Wilkins, SeaFrance's managing director, said if the company had wanted a new ship built it wouldn't have got into service until 2011 due to heavy demand in the shipbuilding industry.

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Meantime, during December SeaFrance carried more than 55,000 cars, beating the previous highest-ever December total of 53,000 cars in 1996.

A spokeswoman said: "As savvy Brits travelled to France to stock up on Christmas food and drinks, two of the busiest periods were Friday afternoon on December 21 and all day on Saturday, December 22, when our ferries were full on all crossings for vehicles, passengers and freight."

Determined

SeaFrance's car volume during the whole of December was up 16 per cent year-on-year, while passenger traffic was up 8 per cent. Its 2007 totals showed a 13 per cent increase for car volumes and six per cent increase for passenger volumes, compared with 2006.

P&O – because of its company status – chooses not to give out figures which it says hands sensitive information on a plate to competitors, but it is obviously doing well enough to add a seventh ship on its cross-Channel route, and is in the final stages of ordering two more brand new vessels.

Brian Rees, head of press and public relations, said: "Dover-Calais is our biggest operation by far with a fleet just raised to seven ships. We had five multi-purpose ships – freight and passengers – and now two dedicated freight ships."

Freight is obviously a growing market – when Deutsche Bahn AG, Europe's leading railway company and number two in the international freight forwarding and logistics sector, and English Welsh & Scottish Railway Holdings Limited (EWS), Britain's largest rail freight operator, linked up last year they said freight was due to increase three-fold.

Mr Rees added P&O couldn't be "too blasé about Eurostar, or the airlines come to that", but its market is first and foremost people travelling with vehicles. He said the firm has noticed a new category of customers who are determined to avoid flying.

"Anybody in transport is going to hit operational problems from time to time, but the airline experience has reached a point where people are switching their holiday habits purely to avoid getting on a plane.

"There might be an element of environmental consideration in that, but first and foremost it's the palaver of airports and planes.

"At the turn of the year air travel was getting blanket news coverage for all the wrong reasons. It all drives people to us, and if we're smart we retain them."

He added: "Thankfully, we're seeing a change of attitude by consumers away from price, price, and price towards a more balanced view of what you get for your money."

Norfolkline, the exclusive Dover- Dunkerque passenger ferry operator, has made the biggest single multi-million pound investment of any operator on the Channel routes from Dover in recent years, by introducing three new purpose-built ferries to its service.

Each state-of-the-art Scandinavian ship – the Maersk Dunkerque, Maersk Delft and Maersk Dover – has capacity for 220 cars, 780 passengers and up to 120 freight vehicles and the company's passenger service is exclusive to motorists with no foot passengers or coach parties.

Beleagured airlines are finding it increasingly hard to compete.

For example, the new Eurostar rail service not only offers city-centre to city-centre convenience, but faster overall journey times when check-in times and travelling to and from the airports are taken into account.

Heathrow's Terminal 5, the biggest free-standing building in the UK and its two satellites – one of which is the same size as Terminal 4 – is on target to open in March, but congestion and delays at the UK's busiest airports are prompting multinational companies to consider other European hubs, according to a study by the Association of Corporate Travel Executives (ACTE).

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Energy suppliers expected to follow npower's increase

IT'S a gas, gas, gas – the hit song by Kent-born Rolling Stones Mike Jagger and Keith Richard might soon jar with county's energy users facing a gas price explosion by Easter.

One of the nation's top energy market experts says that other suppliers are expected to follow npower in putting up prices this winter – and the county will be a more expensive place by spring.

Mark Todd, director at price comparison site energyhelpline.com, said: "Customers in Kent have suffered badly from npower's recent move to regional gas pricing."

Overall, npower customers in the county and the surrounding region suffered the fourth largest prices rises out of the nation's 14 regions (see table).

He said Kent npower customers have seen their gas prices go up by 22 per cent as opposed to the average increase of 17 per cent for the UK.

"Other suppliers are expected to follow npower's lead this winter, and if so, unfortunately Kent will become a much more expensive place to buy mains gas by Easter. We don't think it is fair as you cannot move your home."

Transparency

But he said it's not all gloom and doom because at the moment Kent has the cheapest typical energy bills in the country (see table).

And by switching to your cheapest supplier in Kent you can typically save a further £199 or 21 per cent. This would bring your bill down to £731 or just £60 a month – one of the cheapest prices in the UK.

The gas companies blame varying regional distribution and infrastructure costs for the new price discrepancies, but consumer groups say they are simply imposing higher increases in areas where customers are most loyal.

Paul Green, chief executive of energyhelpline.com said: "This year, the vast majority of energy companies are expected to implement a strategy where they will charge far more in regions where they have a monopoly, to capitalize on their competitive advantage and maximize their profits and market share."



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He said this will create a "huge disadvantage" for customers living in those regions.

"Companies are taking advantage of the fact that most customers (53 per cent) habitually stay with incumbent suppliers, the more vulnerable households are in danger of falling into energy poverty.

"The number of people currently fuel impoverished is expected to rise to three million this year as a result of this pricing strategy.

"The regulator must secure greater transparency from companies to protect consumers from unfair discrimination because of where they live."

Npower says the price differences reflect the varying costs involved in piping gas to different parts of the country and says its rivals will be forced to follow suit.

But campaigners believe regional pricing would effectively 'penalise' those living far away from a coastal gas terminal or in an area with old Victorian pipes.

People in Scotland will emerge as the winners from any regional scheme as they live closest to the major pipeline that comes in from the North Sea at St Fergus.

Until npower made its move last week, the only suppliers to use regional pricing for gas were Scottish Power and Scottish and Southern Energy, with customers in northwest England paying about £60 a year more than those in Scotland.

Mr Green said following npower's action, half of the major suppliers have now adopted a regional pricing model and if British Gas follows suit the great majority of consumers will be subject to potential discrimination according to where they live.

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TYPICAL ENERGY PRICES BY REGION

Region	Dual Fuel	Electricity	Gas	Typical Supplier Electricity	Typical Supplier Gas
1 SE England inc. Kent	£930	£362	£568	EDF	British Gas
2 Eastern England	£936	£368	£568	E-On	British Gas
3 E Midlands	£937	£369	£568	E-On	British Gas
4 London	£939	£371	£568	EDF	British Gas
5 N Scotland	£944	£376	£568	Scottish Hydro	British Gas
6 Southern England	£946	£378	£568	Southern Electric	British Gas
7 NW England	£955	£387	£568	E-On	British Gas
8 S Wales	£963	£295	£568	Swalec	British Gas
9 SW England	£965	£397	£568	EDF	British Gas
10 Merseyside & N Wales	£976	£408	£568	ScottishPower	British Gas
11 Central & S Scotland	£987	£419	£568	ScottishPower	British Gas
12 W Midlands	£1,025	£457	£568	npower	British Gas
13 Yorkshire	£1,027	£459	£568	npower	British Gas
14 NE England	£1,043	£475	£568	npower	British Gas

REGIONAL CHANGES TO NPOWER QUARTERLY BILLS

Region	Gas Change (£)	Gas Change (%)	Electric Change (£)	Electric Change (%)	Total Change
1 London	£121.75	22.9%	£70.01	19.9%	£191.75
2 NW England	£119.59	22.5%	£65.56	18.2%	£185.15
3 Eastern England	£115.41	21.7%	£59.17	17.2%	£174.58
4 SE England inc. Kent	£117.23	22.0%	£52.35	15.2%	£169.58
5 E Midlands	£121.75	22.9%	£45.44	12.9%	£167.19
6 SW England	£104.22	19.6%	£56.64	14.8%	£160.87
7 NE England	£96.11	18.1%	£47.09	11.0%	£143.20
8 W Midlands	£94.82	17.8%	£42.79	10.3%	£137.61
9 Southern England	£92.56	17.4%	£42.14	11.7%	£134.70
10 Yorkshire	£88.57	16.6%	£45.02	10.9%	£133.60
11 Merseyside & N Wales	£77.15	14.5%	£42.00	11.3%	£119.15
12 N Scotland	£80.99	15.2%	£33.58	9.2%	£114.57
13 S Wales	£77.25	14.5%	£37.25	9.2%	£114.50
14 Central & S Scotland	£78.83	14.8%	£35.55	9.4%	£114.38

• Price rises calculated for typical household using 20,500 kWh of gas pa and 3,300 kWh of electricity pa
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Check your trusts before it's too late



By **LIZ RULE**
Pharon Independent Financial Advisers Ltd

A QUICK reminder about trusts would be appropriate this week as we have a deadline looming for those involved.

Flexible trusts (which can include life policies) created before March 22, 2006 have until April 2008 to make changes, without triggering a switch to a new taxation regime.

Under the old regime there would be a 'default beneficiary' in a flexible trust. This means that subject to no changes being made, the default beneficiary would benefit from the trust.

We refer to this as the default beneficiary having the 'interest in possession' and it is no surprise that people sometimes refer to these trusts as 'interest in possession trusts'.

Flexible trusts do however contain powers that enable the trustees to appoint away from the default beneficiary and give other potential beneficiaries the interest in possession, eg change the default beneficiary.

A good example of this is where someone has set up a trust with their children as default beneficiaries and grandchildren as potential or 'discretionary' beneficiaries.

After a period of time the family may decide the children have enough money of their own and they may wish to change the default position to the grandchildren.

Such a switch of default beneficiary after April 2008 will bring the trust into a new taxation regime, which for some trusts will not be a problem if they are small, but for others, particularly those over the current IHT Nil Rate Band, could be tax penal compared to the old rules.

If you have set up a trust, if you are the beneficiary of a trust, please make sure you know what type of arrangement it is and whether you should be considering changes now or whether it is safe to let the trust remain as it is.

You will need an experienced financial adviser to guide you as this is a specialist area.





RAISE A GLASS: JD Wetherspoon spent £1.5 million on converting and reopening The Opera House and is hosting is more opera nights

You can sing, drink and be merry at Opera House

By **TONY PATEY**
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DRINK, drink, drink. That's what you do in pubs – but Sigmund Romberg's song of the same name from his Student Prince operetta would certainly go down particularly well in one Tunbridge Wells watering hole.

It's a restored opera house – and it's staging its second opera next month, not quite among the handpumps, but certainly to packed houses.

Owner JD Wetherspoon has sold out all four performances of Mozart's Cosi fan Tutte to be staged by Tunbridge Wells-based opera company, opera by definition.

There will be a cast of six, together with chorus and orchestra, and the comic opera will be performed in English with members of the audience seated in the main section of the pub as well as in the circle.

The pub, called, naturally, The Opera House, in Mount Pleasant Road, originally opened as a theatre in 1910 and was empty for several years before Wetherspoon spent £1.5 million converting and reopening it in 1997.

Just before the first successful production – the comic operetta Die Fledermaus – last February a £200,000 restoration project was carried out including work on the first circle and adjoining corridors.

It was so good that the town's Civic Society gave it a conservation award – one of only five given out, and the only pub.

Manager Jane Read said: "The Opera House is a Tunbridge Wells landmark. It highlights the company's commitment to preserving the history and architecture of important buildings."

Next month there will be four performances – on three evenings, February 5-7, and one matinee on the sixth.

Staff will close the pub a couple of hours before each performance and only ticketholders will be allowed in.

The opening night performance will support Wetherspoon's chosen charity, CLIC Sargent, and the evening performance on February 6 will be BSL sign interpreted.

More than 150 schoolchildren will attend the matinee as part of an educational initiative between opera by definition and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

Wetherspoon area manager Mark Powell, said: "We are delighted that all the tickets have now been sold and are looking forward to welcoming opera lovers into the pub for the performances."

Opera by definition artistic director Francesca Gilpin said: "It is wonderful that the opera has sold out and we are confident that it will be a great success."

Opera by definition features principal singers who have sung with Glyndebourne Festival and Touring Opera, English National Opera, English Touring Opera, Scottish Opera and other European opera houses.

They are supported by the opera by definition orchestra comprising players who regularly appear with the Royal Philharmonic, The London Philharmonic and BBC Symphony Orchestra.

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Taking into account the feelings of all concerned

STAKEHOLDER is a fairly new term on the management block – shareholders used to be the only people who counted in a firm, apart from capitalists and workers of course. Now all those who used to be on the sidelines are centre stage.

A stakeholder is any person or organisation involved in a particular business and today no firm or organisation can ignore its wider social accountability and transparency.

Stakeholder relations have taken over from shareholder relations – with many firms using it as a promotion platform pushing integrity and corporate responsibility.

Nowhere is the concept more visible than with a commercial operation dealing with the Government, the sensitive physical environment and the public direct – and such is the case with the team running Bedgebury Forest near Goudhurst.

The core 'business' is a 2,000-acre forest in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, containing the National Pinetum, the finest collection of conifers on one site in the world.

Their 'holding company' is the Government-run Forestry Commission and their other stakeholders include a growing number of visitors, local residents, botanists from around the world, other well-known botanic sites, such as Kew, revenue-generating on-site event organisers and the media.

To say they tread egg-shells is an understatement. But, under the direction of partnership manager David Hiscock, they've just embarked on a rather daring stakeholder management strategy of direct consultation with local people and other concerned individuals and groups.

Key issues are the volume of cars using the narrow, minor roads going through local villages and car parking – how to cope with growing numbers and not encroach on the forest.

Recently, a large group of local people met Mr Hiscock and his team in the second of regular such meetings to talk about possible developments, including an upcoming planning application related to car parking.

Bedgebury has brought in experts to work out a car parking strategy.

Mr Hiscock said he was not actively trying to increase numbers but he could not stop people coming to the forest. He wanted them to park as quickly and safely as possible, without inconvenience to local people. A tall order.

Marketing and communications officer Peter d'Aguilar afterwards said that there are various sources of funds, but it will be some time before Bedgebury breaks even.

Concerts have become a regular feature and there are franchises on-site, such as Go-Ape, and other ventures are being considered.

But costs are high – the Pinetum alone costs around £400,000 a year to maintain.

I put some questions to Mr d' Aguilar:

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

As part of our Talking Business series, KoS puts some questions to **Peter d'Aguilar**, marketing chief of a management team right on the front line of dealing with a wide range of stakeholders from the Government to people of all ages…



Q How does the link with the Forestry Commission work?

A The Forestry Commission is expanding its role from being a timber producer as a way of raising cash to being a provider of recreational facilities.

So we have to keep the balance between conservation and the environment and the interests of local people living near our forest, with generating enough income to cover the costs of maintaining, for example, the national collection of conifers.

Looking at the income for Bedgebury we have car parking, which is £6 per car, and which we have purposely kept reasonable in terms of other visitor attractions so that we can make it accessible to people of low income.

We also have an obligation to provide facilities for people to get out and take exercise, especially people who haven't got any other option to do that if, for example, they're on low incomes or people with disabilities and the elderly and very young. They might have a problem finding the facilities for exercise and healthy activity elsewhere.

Our major funder in recent years has been Sport England – part of the National Lottery - which has contributed more than a £1 million towards creating the business centre, putting in cycle tracks and adventure equipment.

The Forestry Commission match-funded that, and we've also had support from the Friends of Bedgebury and private and institutional donors as well.

We have to look everywhere and anywhere – whether Government bodies or private enterprise.

Q Your approach has to be sensitive from a stakeholder point of view, how does this affect your management strategy?

A It is something we have to do both at local level and also at national level. The Forestry Commission as a whole has a fundraising team which produces national initiatives, and they have a trickle-down effect on sites like Bedgebury.

We can do a certain amount independently of that to interest local businesses and other potential local income streams through, for example, tourism bodies.

I think one very import point to take into account is that we have had around a quarter of a million people a year over the last couple of years, enjoying themselves enormously and getting a lot of benefit in terms of physical well-being.

We have had a very small percentage of that number who have rejected what is going on – not all of which has been for valid reasons.

The reason for having a meeting like this is to try and lay to rest some of the concerns and to open up a two-way discussion.

This is an evolving site – it has only been a major visitor attraction for basically two years, so we are learning a lot.

We have coped pretty well with the increased numbers although there are lots of things in the pipeline to make the process better.

We can't stop people coming in, and we wouldn't want to, because it is a wonderful local facility for people to use.

It has tapped a real need and we want to build on that and also take into account people's concerns.

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OD: £2250 ARRANGEMENT

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Important changes to employment law are on the horizon

RED tape is one of the biggest headaches of all business owners, especially small to medium firm bosses, and the good news is that there is no major piece of employment legislation due to come into force in 2008.

The bad news is that, as ever with employment law, there are important changes in the pipeline that employers should be aware of.

Here Petra Venton, a solicitor at Cripps Harries Hall LLP Tunbridge Wells office, highlights the key employment legislation coming in during this year and 2009:

• The Employment Simplification Bill is due to get royal assent by the end of the summer and come into force during 2009. This will repeal the statutory disciplinary and dismissal procedure and the statutory grievance procedure. Many employers will be pleased and relieved by the removal of these statutory procedures.

However, it is planned to replace them with measures to encourage early and informal resolution of workplace disputes. It is proposed that the Employment Tribunal will retain a general discretion to increase an employee's compensation by up to 25 per cent if an employer has unreasonably failed to comply with the relevant statutory code.

Similarly, the Employment Tribunal will be able to reduce an employee's compensation by 25 per cent if they fail to comply with the relevant statutory code. The details of what will replace the current statutory procedures are not yet available.

Benefits

• The Employment Bill also includes provisions to strengthen the national minimum wage regime and amend trade union laws.

• The Information and Consultation of Employees Regulations 2004 already apply to larger employers. From April 6 the regulations will include employers of 50 or more employees.

The requirement to inform and consult with representatives of the employees is triggered by a formal request from employees or by the employer starting the process themselves. There are benefits to employers from reaching a consensual agreement with employees. If they fail to do so standard provisions apply.

• The Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007 will come into force on April 6. This will introduce the offence of corporate manslaughter where in breach of a duty of care senior management failure leads to a person's death.

• Increase in rates – the Government usually increases the maximum compensation for unfair dismissal and the amount of a week's pay for the purposes of calculating statutory redundancy pay in February.

The new rates are usually published in November, but this year we are still waiting for them. The Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform say that the rates will be published "as soon as possible".

• Statutory sick pay, statutory maternity pay and statutory paternity pay are also subject to annual review. These rates will increase from April. Again the new rates are not yet available.

• In addition to all this, employers can be sure that the courts and tribunals will provide us with more case law to keep employers on their toes.

Attractive incentives for property buyers

LOOKING on the bright side is builder George Wimpey which recently launched a range of financial incentives on the back of the interest rate cut late last year to try to attract buyers and boost the homes market.

George Wimpey provides nationwide coverage through its regional businesses and satellites, each business building a range of products from one-bedroom apartments and starter homes to large detached family houses.

In addition to savings of an estimated £15 to £20 a month on a £100,000 mortgage that the new interest rate brought, George Wimpey has launched a raft of additional financial incentives.

One scheme offers a half price mortgage incentive where George Wimpey will pay half of a customers' mortgage for the first two years of ownership. This could leave customers with more cash to spend on their homes.

Investors who are buying to rent will also welcome the news on interest rates and can benefit from George Wimpey's rental guarantee promise which guarantees rental income for one year.

Lee Monk, sales director of George Wimpey South East, said: "We're committed to making the house-buying process as simple and hassle-free as possible for our customers, whether investors or people looking for a new home. The incentives are aimed at making sure that all our customers can be clear on their finances and benefit from reduced costs."

Other new year schemes include a token £99 down and move-in package, where George Wimpey will pay customers' five per cent deposit, stamp duty and fees; and an Easy Mover scheme, which means George Wimpey will allow purchasers to reserve a house at a fixed price then sell their existing property for them.

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CBI pressure over rates on empty units

HOT on the heels of our optimistic assessment of the commercial property market in Kent last week comes confirmation from the CBI/GVA Grimley Corporate Real Estate Survey.

The survey of nearly 180 businesses was carried out in late 2007 and according to Malcolm Hyde, CBI South East Regional Director, "does not support the speculation about a crisis in commercial property".

However, one area of concern highlighted within the survey and echoed by Paul Appelt at Atrium Chartered Surveyors is the new business rate charges on empty industrial space. From April 1 empty industrial property will incur half rates if vacant for more than six months.

By **RICHARD PARSONS**
Business Publisher

Mr Appelt said: "This might have the effect of property owners and landlords giving incentives to ensure properties are occupied before this happens."

The CBI has urged the Government to relax its approach to empty property rate relief before the April deadline by introducing an 18-month relief period to allow firms a realistic amount of time to dispose of empty property.

Industrial haven

THE debate on where or where not to locate commercial and industrial premises remains a topic for heated debate in Kent, with most proposed developments appearing to attract dispute and controversy.

One industrial estate that seems to tick more boxes that most is Kingsnorth, built in the shadow of the Kingsnorth power station and to the north of Hoo at a time when The Beatles were topping the charts.

Initially not viewed as a serious business park, the construction of the A228, the Ratcliffe Highway bought the park to within five minutes of the Medway tunnel and 20 minutes from the M25. Further development at Kingsnorth has delivered new and modern property to the estate.

Built as it is within a sparsely populated area and home now to many thriving businesses, the park can operate 24 hours a day without causing a great deal of inconvenience to households in the area.

Most individual units at Kingsnorth offer the yard space required by the construction and heavy plant industries where outdoor storage and stacking is valued. Chartered surveyors, Hindwood, Hunter, Payne are currently marketing six units at Kingsnorth ranging from 2,970 square feet but including a half acre of yard space, to 35,000 square feet and a further eight-and-a-half acres yardage.

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Team beats target

BOSSES have congratulated a top-performing specialist letting agent team in Crowborough. The team at Ashton Burkinshaw exceeded its financial target ahead of the company's other 12 branches during 2007 – and also increased its property portfolio by more than 20 per cent since beginning of last year.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Aussie firm's property sales net £7 million

AUSTRALIAN-based Valad Property Group has announced the sale of properties in the UK market in Kent, London, Dorking, and Enfield, exceeding £37 million.

As a result, the company said it clocked-up profits in excess of £6.9m. The deals included the sale of six units in strata warehouse schemes in Kent and eight units in a strata office scheme at Enfield, realising profits of close to £1.3m.

Key points that could save you from trouble

FIRMS are urged to remember two key points as they enter the New Year by Ian Clark, regional managing director for Cattles Invoice Finance in the South East, including Kent: Are you with the right bank and choose your customers carefully.

According to his firm's most recent survey of small and medium enterprises, only 43 per cent remember to credit check new customers.

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Specialist firm wins supplier award

KENT-BASED materials testing specialist CET SAFEHOUSE has won a best supplier award from construction sector giant Aggregate Industries and has also been recognised as one of the top 10 site investigation consultants in the UK by business performance analysts Plimsoll.

The company, based at Harrietsham, is one of Britain's largest materials testing specialists offering a full testing and site investigation service to the building, construction and civil engineering industry throughout the UK.

Chief executive Bob Blunden said: "Plimsoll is considered to be a hugely influential service which helps British companies decide who they should be doing business with in the years ahead and therefore we are delighted to be ranked among the best site investigation consultants in the UK."

Meanwhile, CET SAFEHOUSE, established 20 years ago, has collected the best supplier award by Bardon Contracting, a division of Aggregate Industries, at its recent Supplier Chain Day.

An engraved glass trophy was presented to CET's Gary Corrigan by Mike Archer, managing director of Bardon.

CET is the country's top site investigation contractor in subsidence investigations, specialising in difficult access projects, particularly domestic properties.



TOP STUFF: Bardon Contracting's Mike Archer (right) presents the best supplier award to CET's Gary Corrigan

County works are an exciting time for Willmott Dixon

By **TONY PATEY**
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TWO major construction companies have unveiled big work plans which together will spruce up secondary school across north Kent and complete the final phase of a major water supply project to meet demand in Ashford.

Willmott Dixon, which has just set up an office in Dartford, is set to carry out up to £200 million of education work in the county over the next four years – and create jobs.

The company is design and build partner for the Land Securities Trillium consortium which has been appointed preferred bidder by Kent County Council for the first wave of its Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme.

That means the consortium is now in line to carry out a £600m programme to refurbish, rebuild and transform secondary schools in the Gravesham, Swale and Thanet districts by 2014 – and a significant part of that work will fall to Willmott Dixon.

Its new office at Crossways Business Park, near junction 1A of the M25, will act as a base to expand in the county and also lead to 150 new jobs.

Rob Lambe, new managing director at the Dartford office, said: "Being preferred bidder is a tremendous start for us in our new office and has really set the team buzzing.



DARTFORD MD: Mr Rob Lambe

"To be able to transform local education facilities in Kent to such an extent will mean we can create a lasting impact here for future generations to benefit from."

The company's growth plans for the Dartford office in the first year are to achieve a £55m turnover, rising to £110m after four years.

Contamination

As well as transferring existing staff to Dartford, Willmott Dixon is on a recruitment drive to attract people from within the area.

In another part of the county, work has begun on the third and final phase of the Bewl Water Link, a 35km-long mains pipeline being built between the Bewl Water Reservoir and Stubbs Cross.

South East Water is investing £24.4m in the link and once completed it will supply water to thousands of new homes and commercial properties being built in Ashford as a part of the town's £650m development programme.

Work on the link is being carried out by construction company Clancy Docwra and is expected to be completed in 2009.

Ashford has been identified by the Government as one of four key growth areas in the South East – the Thames Gateway project is another – and is on course to double in population by 2031, creating 28,000 extra jobs and 31,000 new homes.

With so many houses and businesses being built over the next 20 years, effective waste water management will be critical to reduce the risk of flooding and protect natural habitats from contamination.

Willesborough Dykes, Aldington and Hothfield Reservoirs already play a vital role in storing water at times of high rainfall, reducing the risk of flooding to the area.

Cllr Paul Clokie, chairman for Ashford's Future partnership, the agency tasked with carrying out the growth plan for the town, said: "Ashford is serious about the role it should play in ensuring the responsible use of water. Commitment to a five-year water management plan will help Ashford to implement sustainable drainage systems to reduce flood risk and pollution.

"The Bewl Water Link is just the beginning; the plan will introduce clear steps to monitor the efficient use of water, its quality and supply."

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Movers & Shakers

A NEWLY appointed Business Link adviser with more than 20 years' commercial experience is Paul Carter.

He joins the West Kent team after honing his skills in a variety of roles encompassing supply chain management, marketing and business development.

The West Kent team works with small and medium-sized companies, from Cranbrook in the south to Swanley in the north, providing access to the information, advice and support needed to maintain and assist growth at any stage of their development.

Paul's career has given him an extensive knowledge of all aspects of marketing from strategy development to implementing effective sales campaigns. As director of marketing for a US software firm he was responsible for launching new products and developing marketing strategies across Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Richard Green, Business Link's area manager for West Kent, said: "Having been there and done it Paul fully understands the issues people face when starting, running and growing a business and we are delighted to have him on board."

Business Link advisers can be accessed through a local clinic, a visit to client premises or an informal chat on the phone to undertake an impartial review of your business free of charge and at a time to suit you. For more information call 0845 600 9 006.

Over the last year Business Link in Kent provided support to more than 4,000 people considering starting a business and to 1,500 who actually started. More than 20,000 businesses were assisted with general information and advice with 1,500 being assisted in depth by a Business Link adviser.

Business Link's services may be accessed through www.businesslink.gov.uk/southeast.



PAUL CARTER



JANICE SANDWELL

WOMEN in Kent who want to start up their own businesses, but don't have the know-how or aren't sure what risks they could face, can find out during a one-day get-together with experts.

Held by Business Link, the free informal one-day event is designed for women who have very little or no business experience and would like to find out more about what is involved in working for themselves and meet women who have already set up on their own.

Enterprise manager Janice Sandwell said: "We had such a positive response from the first phase of events, so I am delighted we are able to offer even more women the opportunity of exploring their ideas in a very relaxed environment."

Ms Sandwell added: "No matter what your circumstances, we can offer you advice and guidance on working for yourself with absolutely no obligation to go any further."

The event is supported by the South East England Development Agency (Seeda), the Government-funded agency responsible for the sustainable economic development and regeneration of the South East and includes four seminars and an exhibition zone where attendees can talk to women from the area who work for themselves, meet local women's business groups over a coffee and watch a DVD which includes top tips on getting started in business.

A business expert will also be on hand to answer any questions and will be offering short individual sessions.

The event is being held on Tuesday, February 12 at St Augustine's, Westgate-on-Sea, and runs from 10am-3.30pm. Attendees are welcome to attend for all or part of the day and can bring a guest if they wish.

Free refreshments and lunch are supplied.

Places are limited so early booking is advisable. For further information or to book a place, visit www.whatsstop-pingyouevents.co.uk or call 01732 878007.

Forum to focus on help from councils

LANDLORDS across Kent will be able to find out what assistance there is to help them enhance their properties at a special event in Sevenoaks this month.

A free West Kent Landlords' Forum will take place at the Council Office, Argyle Road, on Wednesday, January 30, with doors open 6.30pm and presentations from 7pm. There will be information stands and experts on tap.

It is being organised by Sevenoaks District Council in partnership with Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, the National Landlords Association and the National Federation of Residential Landlords.

A main focus will be on grants that are on offer from the three council areas to help improve properties, and there will be presentations from the Kent Energy Centre about Energy Performance Certificates with also a local landlord's view on the certificates.

Chairing the forum is Cllr Carol Clark, Sevenoaks council's cabinet member with responsibility for housing.

She said: "We've run similar landlords' before and we always get positive feedback."

Contact Steven Richardson at Sevenoaks council on 01732 227393 or email housing@sevenoaks.gov.uk.

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Charity benefits from festive drinks

NATWEST'S commercial banking team in Canterbury raised their glasses high at a local Christmas drinks gathering to drum-up funds of £1,000 in aid of a children's charity.

Kent Kids 'Miles of Smiles' charity, based in the city, was founded in 1993 to originally provide some 20 sick and disabled children with holiday trips.

It went on to purchase a house on the outskirts of Canterbury as a registered care home for parents to take their children along for respite care.

The NatWest team has already helped the charity with painting, catering and decorating projects as well as raising funds.

A cheque was presented recently by Andrew Davies, director of NatWest in Canterbury to the fundraisers at the Kent Kids charity.

SitSmart chairs on Big Brother

I'M A Kent business – get me in there!

SitSmart, the Tunbridge Wells-based office ergonomic seating company has recently put chairs into the new series of Channel 4's Big Brother – Celebrity Hijack!

Six SitSmart Enjoy mesh chairs have been installed in the production department where compliance staff sit for hours at a time watching monitors covering all the action in the Big Brother house.

The firm has supplied chairs to Channel 4 for years.

Future aim? The Big Brother diary room chair.

Helping to seal deal

A GREAT win for a local bank – the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) Thames Gateway team based near Dartford has helped UK-based Noble Distribution Ltd clinch the licence to become the nation's sole distributor of the state of the art high technology I-Luv and Mavizen brand.

The banking team provided a package to finance Noble Distribution's entire trade cycle finance, enabling suppliers in China and Korea to receive payment on time.



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FINAL BELL? Takaloo will take his time to make a decision on his future in the ring

Beaten Tak to take time out

THE FUTURE of Margate boxer Takaloo is hanging in the balance after he lost his comeback fight against Anthony Small for the Southern Area light-middleweight title.

Takaloo, a former three-time WBU champion, twice at light-middleweight and more recently at welterweight, was on the floor three times in the fight staged at Bethnal Green's York Hall.

The 32-year-old Kent star was in fine form before the contest, claiming he was in good shape and that he was prepared for the fight after reuniting with London trainer Jim McDonell.

However, Small knocked Takaloo to the floor in the third, fourth and seventh rounds, before referee Richie Davis decided he had seen enough and called a halt to the fight three seconds in the seventh.

Takaloo told Kent on Sunday that the defeat felt like he had been "stabbed in the stomach" and admitted that he had still not come to terms with the defeat.

Tactics

Things didn't start well for the Thanet hitman as he learnt on the day of the fight the tactics his team had given him for the fight were wrong.

He said: "I got a call from Joe Calzaghe on the day of the fight saying that his dad Enzo had some tips on how to beat Small.

"I rang him and he told me to fight like a bully and get him on the ropes. This was different to how I had been training – we got the tactics wrong."

Takaloo admitted before the fight that he was at a crossroads in his career and now after the defeat, he wants to take some time out before deciding whether he will continue in the sport.

He said: "Right now if I was to make a decision – that would probably be it, but you never know with me. You can never say never but boxing has changed a lot over the years.

"I have not had a chance to speak to my manager (Frank Warren) yet and although I still feel I am talented enough, I want to take some time off to think it over.

"This is a low in my career, but I will know if it is time to call it a day. I will take some time out and see if I still have the hunger to carry on boxing."

The fighter said even if he doesn't quit the sport right now, his aim is to coach youngsters in Thanet and teach them some of the life skills he learnt in his boxing career.

Walking a fine line

Kent on Sunday Sport examines the need for video technology in football

THE USE of technology to decide whether a football has crossed the line has long been a bone of contention in the game.

From the game's elite to grass-roots football, the debate over whether video technology should be used to assist referees in determining if the ball has crossed the goal line, or if a penalty should have been awarded, will continue to rumble on.

A revolutionary new ball loaded with technology was used in the FIFA Club World Cup game between AC Milan and Boca Juniors in December.

The 'smart ball' contains a chip in the centre of the ball which alerts match officials when it crosses the line.

On the day, there were no goal-mouth incidents to test the ball which begs the question: as such incidents are so rare, why is this such a controversial subject?



Picture: GETTY IMAGESd

FINAL GOAL: England 'score' in the 1966 World Cup final. Referee Steve Bennett (inset) says video technology should be used, but only during matches played at the highset level

Decisions

Gillingham boss Mark Stimson said: "I think bringing technology in on the goal line is important because there are so many big decisions being made now and there is so much money at stake. If anything can be put in play on the goal line I am in favour of that."

There has been a lot said about technology holding the game up and preventing the flow of a match, but there have been only a handful of games in the Premier League that have had goal line decisions questioned.

If the technology is installed at each ground in the professional game, Conference and Ryman leagues, they might not have a single goal line decision all season – so how would that interrupt the flow?

Premier League referee Steve Bennett is also in favour of using technology, providing the system is completely trustworthy and would not slow the flow of the game.

The Orpington-based official said: "One thing that is guaranteed is the system would take the pressure off assistant referees and for the referee, the management of the game would improve. It would also help them decide when they are not able to physically see, say when a shot is hit from 40-yards out."

New technology has been introduced in other sports with reasonable success.

In tennis, the use of hawkeye, an electronic system that can determine where a tennis ball lands on the court, has been revolutionary. Players are no longer at the mercy of an umpire and can find out if a shot was in or out very quickly.

Rugby uses video referees to decide if tries should be given and in cricket, a third umpire determines if a cricketer has been dismissed by looking at footage. Here the innovation has helped eliminate almost all dubious decisions.

But Bennett believes even if the technology became available, it could only be used at the top level.

He said: "In my opinion the system will only be brought in to International and Premier League football due to the cost of the equipment, but who knows what will happen."

After watching his side recently denied two goals for contentious offside decisions, Ebbsfleet United boss Liam Daish is an enthusiastic supporter of using video evidence.

He said: "I think it is about time for video footage to come into making crucial decisions.

"On one of the disallowed goals we scored, you could see by the referee's reaction and he never thought of even looking at the linesman, so perhaps it is time for new technology.

"Once is hard to swallow but twice you just can't even attempt to digest, especially when you watch the video. The ref has got to be 100 per cent sure to give these decisions."

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England chance for county youngsters

THREE teenage footballers are to fulfill their boyhood dreams when they line-up for England at the new Wembley Stadium, ***writes Tom Howard.***

Maidstone United defenders Chris Smalling and Ashley Ulph have been selected in the 16-man England Schoolboy's under-18 squad to compete in five matches during the spring.

Jason Hawes, the 17-year-old Dulwich Hamlet striker from Bromley has also been given a call-up. The players have progressed through a number of trials after being put forward by the Kent Schools FA.

The final trial was at the National Sports Centre at Lilleshall in December. At the trial, a group of 32 of the nation's most gifted teenagers were put through a number of tests, involving matches against the RAF and The Royal Navy.





PICKED: Maidstone defenders Chris Smalling and Ashley Ulph

Smalling and Ulph, who are both 18, were delighted at the news after being notified of their selection to the squad this week.

Ulph said: "I am over the moon to be called up to play for England. It is hard to take in and I can't keep my feet on the ground at the moment. It is every boy's dream to play at Wembley. I just can't wait to play on one of the biggest stages in football."

Both Smalling and Ulph have made appearances for Maidstone United's first team in the Ryman Premier League this season.

Smalling said: "It is an excellent feeling to be able to represent my country. It was quite unexpected.

"This season at Maidstone is going quite well. The last couple of months I have been in the starting line-up a few times. It has been a good experience to play in the first team and I have learnt a lot."

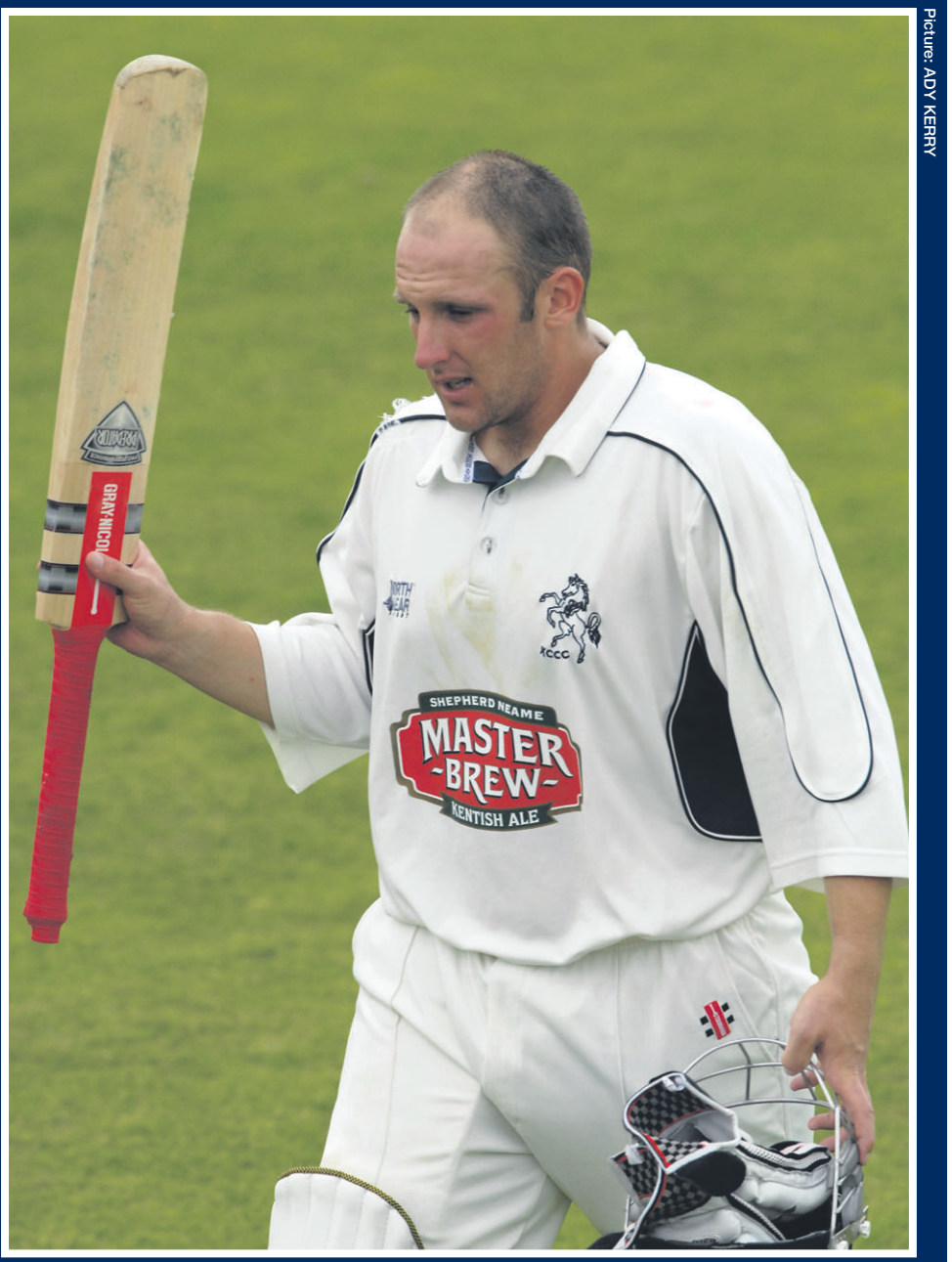
The five-game spring tour begins with a match against Australia at Shrewsbury Town's New Meadow ground later this month and finishes at Wembley against Scotland in April.

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Parental guidance



England call-up perfect way to thank mum and dad, says Kent ace Tredders



Picture: ADY KERRY

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT: James Tredwell says his parents' commitment to helping him achieve his goals as a youngster helped make him the player he is today

I THINK it was my dad's reaction to my England one-day international call-up which will be one of my fondest memories of the day I learned that I had won recognition from my country.

After getting the initial telephone call from David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, I only had time for a quick chat on my mobile with my dad because I was about to go in for a net at the indoor school at the St Lawrence Ground.

He was delighted, but also a bit in shock when I told him. Since my call-up, the reaction from friends and family and from all connected with Kent cricket has been brilliant, but it is my mum (Rosemary) and dad (John) who I feel most proud for.

When I was growing up I don't think I appreciated at the time quite what level of support and help they gave me. They were always driving me here, there and everywhere for net practice, for matches and for other cricket commitments.

I first played for Kent's age group representative teams when I was nine, and they always made sure I had the right kit, was at the right place at the right time and – most importantly – they gave me the emotional support that all young players need when things don't go quite as you would like.

The England one-day squad leaves for New Zealand on January 26, and before that we are gathering for a pre-tour training camp at Loughborough University for a few days during the previous week.

I am obviously looking forward enormously to my first senior England tour, and to pushing hard for a place in one of the two Twenty20 internationals and five one-day internationals against the New Zealanders in February.

Kevin Pietersen is perhaps the senior England player I know best, having toured India with him with the National Academy team in early 2004 – where I ended up captaining him too. But I also know Alastair Cook and Tim Ambrose pretty well, and I am looking forward to getting to know the other England guys a bit better.

Opportunity

In India, before Christmas, it was a similar case for me of having to get to know the other players in the England Performance Programme squad (apart from Kent's Joe Denly of course), and it is always good to have the opportunity to sit and chat with players you have only previously played against.

My roommate in India was Surrey's Chris Schofield, who is a bit of a character and whose company I enjoyed, and during the tour I found I got on particularly well with Worcestershire keeper Steven Davies and Somerset batsman James Hildreth, neither of whom I knew at all before the trip.

Forging these kind of new friendships – as you move into the England set-up – is crucial too, because cricket is a huge team game and getting to know and trust the guys you play alongside is a big part of being successful as a unit.

I am also looking forward to working with Peter Moores and Andy Flower inside the senior England squad. I've played against Andy a few times, when he was at Essex before his retirement to go into coaching full-time, and to be able to pick the brains of great cricketers like him will be priceless.

Since the Christmas and New Year break I've been netting quite a lot at Canterbury, where I've been able to bowl at both Rob Key and Darren Stevens, and I've also been working hard on my overall fitness as part of an ongoing programme which concentrates largely on building up your core strength muscles.

I've been pleased with my recovery following my knee operation and I kicked on again at the end of last season, and the benefit of all the fitness work I've done both up at Loughborough and at Kent was noticeable when I was playing for the EPP side in India in December.

My bowling and batting went well over there, and I believe my England selection is very much down to the way my all-round cricket improved in 2007 as a result of becoming a regular member of Kent's championship as well as one-day sides.

When people show faith in you, and give you the opportunity to perform week-in and week-out, it can only have a big effect on your own confidence.

I've always had that belief in my ability to play a major role at county level, but when others back you as well then it gives you an added security in your position in the team.

Finally, just a word about my two Kent colleagues who were in India with me just before Christmas. Joe (Denly) batted very well out there and thoroughly deserves his selection on the upcoming England Lions trip to play in the Duleep Trophy in India. His technique against spin will also benefit hugely from the trip.

But Kent supporters can also look forward to seeing Amjad Khan back in action next summer.

Amjad was in India as part of his rehabilitation programme, following his major knee surgery almost a year ago, and it is great to report that he was running in and bowling with real confidence again in practice.

• ***James Tredwell, the Kent off-spinning all-rounder, is one of Kent and Sunday's regular sports columnists.***

> "They gave me the emotional support all young players need when things don't go quite as you would like"

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PLAYER-MANAGER: Simon Osborn

Permanent Bromley job for Osborn

SIMON Osborn has been named the new manager of Blue Square South side, Bromley.

Osborn, who took charge of the team once Mark Goldberg quit the club on December 5, was told by chairman Jeremy Dolke he would be given a chance to stake a claim for the job on a permanent basis.

He was given a six-game trial in which the team won three, drew one and lost two.

The team's performances were enough for Dolke, who liked what he saw and offered Osborn the role of player-manager at Hayes Lane.

Target

A delighted Osborn told Kent on Sunday: "It is something I have expressed an interest in gaining and I am delighted to have got the job.

"I would have liked to have got a few more points, but the squad has been playing really well and the chairman liked the style of football we have been playing.

"The target for this season is to stay in and around the play-off area, we have made a great start to our Blue Square South campaign and considering the injuries we have suffered, we are surprised to be as high up the league as we are.

"I would like to strengthen the squad by signing a couple of midfielders. I'll look at leagues above and below to get the players we need."

Bromley also appointed Del Parnham as assistant manager, with Bobby Bowry continuing in his role as first team player-coach.

Lillywhites chairman Jeremy Dolke said he has every confidence in the new management.

He said: "I have been impressed with the way Simon, Del and Bobby have handled things since the sudden departure of Mark Goldberg, and am I'm delighted to make their positions permanent.

"They have shown great application to the job at hand and produced some impressive performances from the side, notably at Cambridge City and Bognor Regis Town and the memorable Boxing Day win over Thurrock.

"I have every confidence that they will continue to take the club in the right direction."

Five-year McClaren deal for Hamilton

FORMULA One superstar Lewis Hamilton will drive for McLaren for another five years after extending his contract with the team until the end of 2012.

The driver, who began his career racing go-karts at Kent's Buckmore Park, missed out on the F1 title by a single point in his first season last year.

He hopes the hard work he has put in with the team, including Bromley-born test driver Gary Paffett, during the winter will bring him this year's title.

Hamilton told the team website: "I could easily drive for this team for the whole of my F1 career. I am with the right team to compete for race wins and titles.

"I am enjoying working closely with Heikki Kovalainen, Pedro de la Rosa, Gary and the team as we push hard with the development of the car."



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Canada ace top of Gills manager's shopping list

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

GILLINGHAM manager Mark Stimson is confident he will capture at least one of the three players on his 'wanted' list before the transfer window slams shut in 11 days time.

With two-thirds of the window gone, the Gills have only signed one player and they are yet to capture the two strikers and centre-back Stimson feels he needs.

Despite two months of negotiations, the club look to have missed out on signing Forest Green Rovers' Stuart Fleetwood after Crewe Alexandra had a £175,000 bid for the prolific striker turned down on Tuesday.

Crewe's bid is believed to outweigh the amount offered by Gillingham earlier this month and Stimson admits they have little chance of bringing Fleetwood to Priestfield.

Bigger bid

He told Kent on Sunday: "At that price yes, we would not pay that much for him. We have offered something which I think he is worth; if they have turned down £175,000 then they must have someone waiting in the wings with a bigger bid. Some people do pay over the odds at this time of the year."

Stimson met with club chairman Paul Scally last weekend to plan their strategy for the rest of the window, putting in three new bids for players.

Although new to league football, Stimson is used to dealing in the January transfer window during his time at Stevenage Borough.

He is not concerned about the lack of movement so far and remains confident of making more signings before January 31, but made it clear he would not pay over the odds.

He said: "We value these players at a certain price and we have put our offers in. I don't think the chairmen at other clubs think it is enough, but that is what we will stick with.

"I am sure over the next 10 days that will change and at least one of those three will come in. You have to play the game, it is about patience."



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WANTED: Striker Simeon Jackson played for Canada in last year's Under-20 World Cup

With the Fleetwood deal apparently dead in the water, the Gills have put in a bid for Rushden & Diamonds striker Simeon Jackson. The 20-year-old Jamaican-born hitman has scored 16 goals from 22 starts this season and was on Gills' books as a youngster.

He grew up in Canada and represented the country at the Under-20 World Cup last year.

Stimson said: "We have put a bid in for him. They have told us they want more but we have told them there is no more, this is it.

"I know he would love to come to the club, so that is a big plus but it is now for us to wait for permission to speak to him."

Stevenage Borough's Stuart Lewis remains a possibility, but the Gills have abandoned their interest in Northampton midfielder Bradley Johnson after Leeds United clinched his signature following a bid of £250,000.

Stimson's only signing so far is Craig Rocastle, who joined on a month-long loan deal from Port Vale 10 day's ago. He started in last weekend's win at Huddersfield and could earn a permanent switch before the end of the month if he can continue to impress.

The squad got smaller this week with players leaving on loan spells. Marvin Hamilton followed Tom Bryant to Folkestone Invicta, while Craig Stone agreed to join League Two side Brentford for a month.

Stimson said: "That will be good for Craig – it will get him out on the pitch and hopefully he will play some minutes and gain some experience. He will come back a better player."

The trio were among nine players listed for loan or permanent transfer earlier this month. Gills also received a loan offer for David Graham, who was also included on the list.

The striker turned down a similar approach in November, but after Stimson made it clear Graham was unlikely to force his way back into his plans without getting match practice, he could agree to the move this time.

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